



Sermon: "Forgiven Forgivers" Matthew 18:21-35
Saturday, September 12 & Sunday, September 13, 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: 27 Communed: 20 Sunday: 58 Communed: 46

Bible Class: 7

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, Charlotte Durham, Norbert Hasheider, Deb Mashhoff, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
 - Non-members: Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck
- Stanley Schwankhaus departed this life Friday, September 4. Keep the family in your prayers.
- 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (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

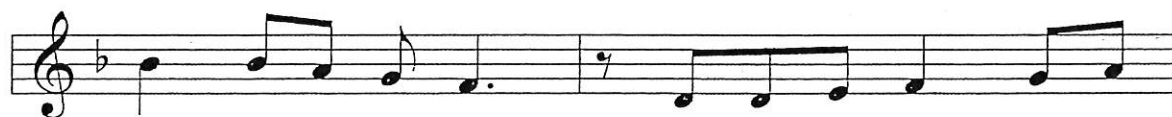
Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



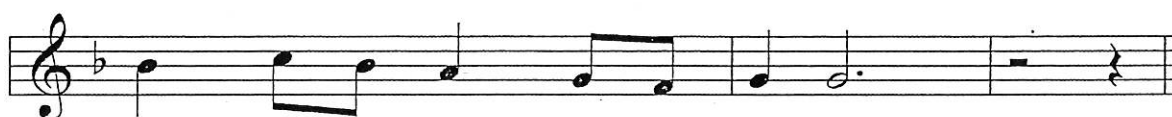
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



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



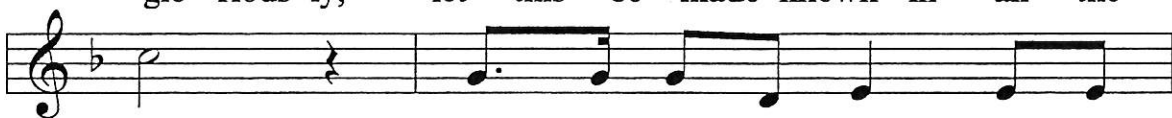
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



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



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Psalm 103:1-12 (in unison)

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!

²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits,

³who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
 who heals all your dis- | eases,
⁴who redeems your life | from the pit,*
 who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
⁵who satisfies | you with good*
 so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
⁶The LORD works | righteousness*
 and justice for all who | are oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
 his acts to the people of | Israel.
⁸The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
⁹He will not | always chide,*
 nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
 nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
¹²as far as the east is | from the west,*
 so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.

³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his

master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Responsory

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

Catechism Review (Apostles' Creed 2nd Article)

LSB pp. 322-323

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

Sermon "Forgiven Forgivers"

Matthew 18:21-35

501 Come Down, O Love Divine

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 O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



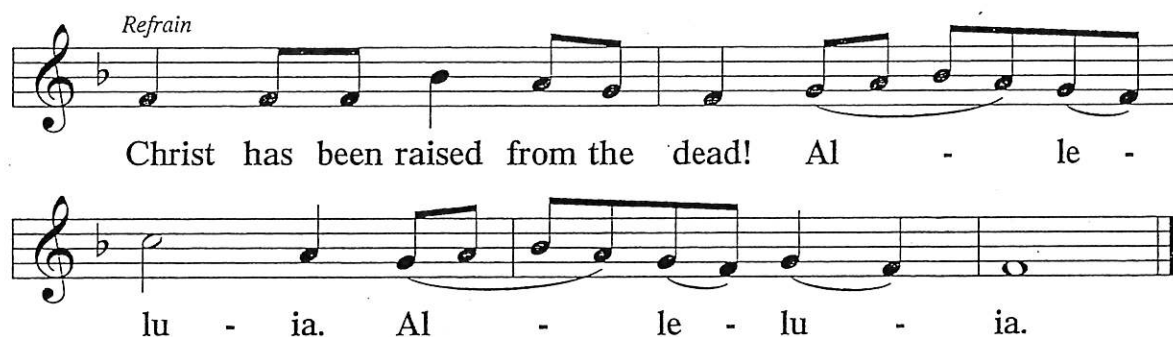
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.



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.

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book

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Pastor:

Pianist: (Saturday)

Organist: (Sunday)

Acolytes: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Eric Wood

Sophia Wood

Sharon Krueger

Collins Schumacher and Kaidyn Schumacher

Landon Elliott and Mabrey Heberer

Jeff Obermeier

Sharon Storck

Birthdays, 13th Michael Borrenpohl, Brian Going, 14th Josephine Berg, 15th Rachel Perry, 17th Olivia Bergmann, 19th Nicole Heberer

September Ushers – Saturday –

Sunday – Mike Jacobs and Jeff Jacobs

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. on Philippians

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Elders' Meeting this Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Chapel at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor d'Entremont

LWML Meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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 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 are looking forward to another great year and as always contact Krissy, Kristal, or Amber if you have any questions!!

The auditing committee is planning to meet on Wednesday, September 16th to audit all church bookkeeping records for the fiscal year, 1 July 2025 –30 June 2026. Please have all church organizations account records/check registers/statements for 2025/2026 in the church basement before that date. ELECTRONIC copies are better, but paper will work if that's all you have. Please provide access/copies of board/committee meeting minutes in case these are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Kampwerth or Allison Dunn.

The September LWML meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 7pm in the church narthex. Janet Lange will have the devotion. Instead of a Bible study, Emily Wood, Pat Quinlan, and MaryAnn Niedens will share information from the district convention. The business meeting will include election of officers and planning for prayer pals for the ILS students this school year. All members are encouraged to attend!

Immanuel's LWML group will again be gathering toiletries for the Addieville UCC food pantry for the month of October. During the month of September, we will be collecting toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, dish soap, and laundry soap. We are very grateful for the congregation's help with this in the past, and we hope you will help us again this year! Donations can be left in the bin in the narthex. Please contact Emily Wood with 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. See insert for more information.

Immanuel Parish Nurses are looking for volunteers to help provide care in the home for the elderly, disabled, or anyone in need of some extra care. If you are interested or would like more information please reach out to Sharon Frederking at 618-599-2519 or email immanuelparishnurses@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

September 18th 12:20 p.m. dismissal

September 21st No School

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: Joseph was a man wronged, repeatedly. However, as we find him in Genesis 50, those wrongs against him did not lead him to live with bitterness or a desire for revenge. Instead, we find that God provided him with patience and compassion even against those who had so terribly sinned against him. We are often quick to anger and slow to forgive. May He work patience and wisdom in our hearts when we hear about the numerous ways God's gifts are twisted. Thanks be to God that He is "slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 103:8).

Life Quotes: "Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!" *Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

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 29, Sunday, August 30, Saturday, September 5, and Sunday, September 6 were as follows: Current \$840.00, Home Use \$4,120.00, Loose \$180.50 and Cemetery \$10.00.

Expenses for the week: \$8,759.74

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

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 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.

Reminder: Bunker’s Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. RBM Golf Course donated \$126.70 for the 1st six months of 2026. Thank you for your support!

Immanuel Lutheran Church Picnic

Sunday, September 27 • Everyone is welcome!

LOCATION: Okawville Community Club Park Pavillion



CHURCH SERVICE — 10:00 AM

featuring a brass ensemble
and children's choir



MEAL — 11:30 AM

Pork steaks and brats will be
served. Table service, lemonade,
tea, and water provided.



Please bring a side dish
and/or dessert.

(Refrigerator and stove
available as needed)

»» PICNIC DETAILS ««

Picnic tables are available
for seating.

Lawn chairs are welcome.

Activities for all ages include
bags, washers, carnival
games, crafts, and more!



RSVP AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Debbie

618-246-6490

Lisa

618-543-1292

Kathy

618-967-0118

Leigh Ann at

leighannyehling@gmail.com

We hope you can join us for a joyful day of worship, food, and fellowship!

Tear-Off RSVP

Immanuel Lutheran Church Picnic — Sunday, September 27

☐ I/We plan to attend Number of attendees: _____

☐ I am a teen willing to help with games

Name/Phone#: _____

Please drop off this section in the narthex box on the table,
or text Debbie at 618-246-6490, Lisa at 618-543-1292, or Kathy at 618-
967-0118, or email LeighAnn at leighannyehling@gmail.com.