



THE BRIDEGROOM  
APPROACHES  
SUNDAY



Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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: 25 Communed: 19 Sunday: 69 Communed: 54

Bible Class: 6 Sunday School: 16

## 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 – John Croessman, Bill Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Irene Going, Kellee Helbig, Leonard Hemminghaus, Leonard Obermeier, Martha Schneider, Mike Strasburg
  - At Freeburg Care Center - Loraine Schneider
  - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Bernice Hemminghaus
  - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
  - At Friendship Manor in Nashville – Lois Rabenort
- Gary Bergmann at Good Samaritan Hospital, Mt. Vernon.
- Non-members with health concerns: Mark Bening, brother of Larry Bening; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Bryce Kolweier's mother-in-law Laura Garlich; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; recent OHS graduate John Simmons; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck
- The calling of a pastor to serve the new dual parish of St. Salvator and Olive Branch, our nearest neighbor LC-MS congregations
- 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
- Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores, LCMS missionary in the Dominican Republic
- Rev. Hans Trinklein visiting professor at Concordia University, Nebraska
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
  - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
  - ...urban ministry in East St. Louis
  - ...campus ministry at SIU-C and SIU-E
  - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
  - ...partnership with Seminario Concordia El Reformador, Dominican Republic



## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

#### 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us (Sunday)

*Stand*

#### Opening Versicles

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Old Testament Canticle

*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.



*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Psalm 70 (in unison)

<sup>1</sup>Make haste, O God, to de - liver me!\*

O LORD, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup>Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life!\*

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who de - sire my hurt!

<sup>3</sup>Let them turn back because | of their shame\*  
who say, "A- | ha, Aha!"

<sup>4</sup>May all who seek you  
rejoice and be | glad in you!\*

May those who love your salvation  
say evermore, | "God is great!"

<sup>5</sup>But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, | O God!\*

You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do | not delay!

Sit

## Old Testament

Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.


<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command,



with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsory**

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Catechism - Introduction - The Third Petition

LSB pp. 323-324

**Apostles' Creed**

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

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Offering

*Stand*

**Prayer**

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

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:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

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:



**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

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

**Amen.**

### **Evening Prayer (Saturday)**

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.

## 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

*Refrain*



**C** 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.

*Refrain*



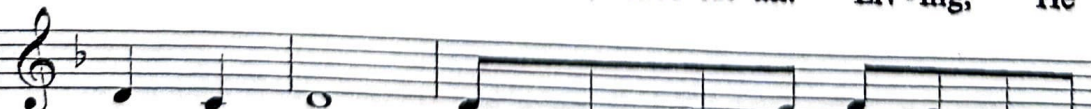
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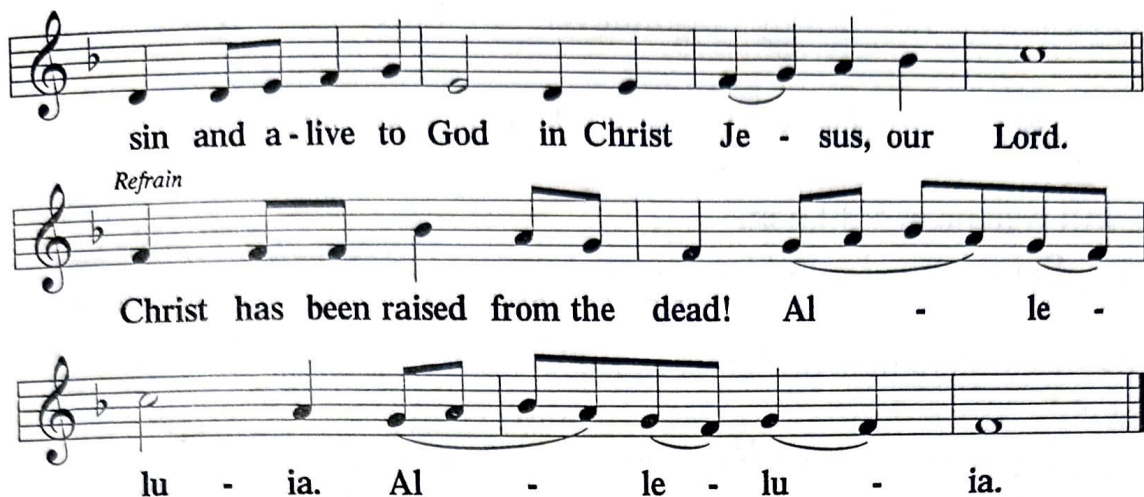


Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to





## Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\dagger$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

## 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide (Sunday)

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Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book

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Preacher

Pianist (Saturday)

Organist (Sunday)

Acolytes (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Rev. Eric Wood

Nora Wood

Sharon Krueger

Rex Obermeier

Lily Gass

Carolyn Rennegarbe

**Birthdays:** 12<sup>th</sup> Allison Dunn 13<sup>th</sup> Kathy Borrenpohl, Joyce Lammers 17<sup>th</sup> Braden Meyer, Ryker Obermeier 18<sup>th</sup> Kathy Suedmeyer, Mallory Unverfehrt, Brian Frederking

**Sunday service** at 10:00 a.m. and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. We are studying Matthew, currently in chapter 25.

**Saturday service** will remain at 5:30 p.m.

**November ushers** – Saturday – Jason Obermeier; Sunday – Roy Frederking, Larry Hasheider

**LYF** will go to the Edge Entertainment Center in Belleville on Sunday, November 12. **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Okawville Music Festival** is set to Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church. An offering will be gathered for Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music.

**Immanuel Men's Club and Alumni & Friends Chili, Chicken Soup, Dessert Supper** is scheduled for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> serving 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Cost - all you can eat \$12.00 for adults, children 10 and under \$6.00, 3 and under free. Hot dogs will also be served. Carry outs available – bring your own container. Part of the proceeds will go to the Cemetery Fund.

**Public Catechesis** will meet 6:45 a.m. on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Bible Class** on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. at the Original.

**Choir Rehearsal** on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**LWML Meeting** on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Adeline Blumhorst will have the devotion. For our topic, we will listen to an audio play about Katie Luther. Please join us!

**Sunday School** If you plan to have your child participate in the Christmas Eve children's program, please contact Kristal Jacobs at 618-830-5528. Also let Kristal know if your child would like to participate in pre-service music beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of the program. Practices for the program will begin on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please drop your child off at the church by 8:55 a.m.

**Immanuel Office Job Opening** for the position of church and school secretary. Janet will be retiring effective January 1, 2024. We would like to hire someone immediately to shadow her before her retirement. If interested please contact head elder Jonathan Schneider (618-521-0027) or school board chair Ken Storck, Jr. (618-559-4778).

**Advent midweek Services** will be Wednesdays November 29<sup>th</sup> (pre-Advent) and December 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. ILS Christmas program will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Poinsettia Orders** This year we will have white, red and multi-color. The deadline to order is Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$8.75 per plant. Call Lois Obermeier at 618-977-5956 with your order. Thank you.



**The Christmas for needy children** in-gathering of gifts will be held again this year. It will be like it has been in the past with name, age & wants. They will be available this Sunday! Gifts can be wrapped and need to be bought back in by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call Jeff (618-314-0849) or Laura Obermeier (618-314-0850).

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**PTL Meeting** is Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Chapel service** on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. – Pastor Wood.

**Board for Parochial Ed.** meeting on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Upcoming** – The ILS Christmas program will be presented on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Every student Pre-3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have a participating role. All are invited!

### **GENERAL NOTES**

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year** Like the parable's bridegroom, Jesus often meets us in unexpected moments (Matthew 25:10) He even sometimes hides in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses in order to rescue and bless. So, we dare not ignore the poor and needy neighbors who cry out for deliverance (Psalm 70:1,5) from abortion and assisted suicide. If we do indeed love the Lord's salvation then let us say so (Psalm 70:4)!

**Life Quotes** "What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear. Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'"

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

**Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays** – 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.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The offerings for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, totaled \$4,213.15. The operating expenses for the month thus far totaled \$18,141.07. Our current loan balance is \$45,000.00.

## **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 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. For the first six months of 2023 Immanuel recently received \$139 from Bunker's. Thank you for your support!!

## **REMEMBERING THE VETERANS**

Larry Bening +  
Gary Bergmann  
Roland Blumhorst +  
Harry Borrenpohl +  
Edmond Brammeier +  
Stephan Clark II  
William Durham  
Roy Frederking  
Gene Frederking  
Steve Elliott  
Stanley Going +  
Fred Haier +  
Duane Harre +  
Norbert Hasheider  
Wayne Hasheider +  
Leonard Hemminghaus  
Glen Kraus  
Robert Kuhn +  
Paul Lange

Wallace Luebke +  
Norman Martens  
Dennis Maschhoff  
Hubert Muelken +  
Leonard Obermeier  
Roland Obermeier  
Donald Poggemoeller +  
Dennis Pruehsner  
Gene Rabenort +  
Glen Schuetz  
Kenneth Storck, Jr.  
Kenneth Storck, Sr +  
Stanley Schmidt +  
Albert Suedmeyer +  
Mike Strasburg  
Alfred Unverfehrt +  
Shane Wagner  
Earl Weeke  
James Weeke

**\*Veteran's Day was observed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OKAWVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**AT**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
206 EAST SCHUMACHER  
OKAWVILLE, ILLINOIS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
3:00 P.M.**

**ADMISSION FREE**

**OFFERING – will be received to support  
Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music  
at St. John Lutheran Church New Minden, Illinois**

**TALENT IN MUSIC FESTIVAL  
Local Talent  
Adult and Children's Choirs  
Organ, Piano, and other instruments**

**Men's Club Chili, Chicken Soup Supper will follow in  
Immanuel Lutheran School Gym**

**IMMANUEL MEN'S CLUB/ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
CHILI, CHICKEN SOUP & PIE  
SUPPER**

**Immanuel Lutheran School Gym  
606 S. Hanover  
Okawville, Illinois  
Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**4:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Chili, Hot Dogs, Chicken Soup,  
Dessert and Drink**

**Adults - \$12.00 (All You Can Eat)  
Children (10 and under) \$6.00  
5 and under free**

**Carry outs Available  
(Bring Your Own Containers)**

**\*Part of proceeds will go to the Cemetery Fund.**