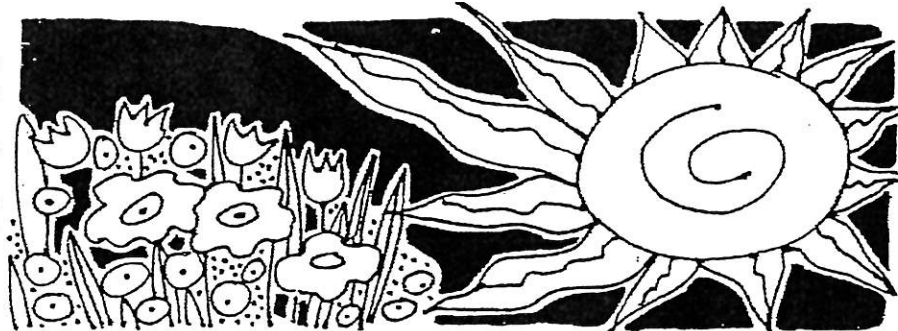


Easter



Easter

5th Sunday of Easter



Sermon: "Fruitful Branches Connected to the Vine" John 15:1-8
Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28, 2024
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: 23 Communed: 17 Sunday: 88 Communed: 73

Sunday School: 11 Bible Class: 9

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 – Bill Durham, Charolette Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Roy Frederking, Kellee Helbig, Leonard Hemminghaus, Leonard Obermeier, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg, Nancy Weeke
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Bernice Hemminghaus
 - At Friendship Manor in Nashville – Lois Rabenort
 - At Freeburg Care Center - Loraine Schneider
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Taylor Haacke, former ILS student; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck; Evelyn Yuengel, neighbor of the Helbig family.
- 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Service – Responsive Prayer Two

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (Sunday)

Stand

Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Psalm 150 (Spoken in unison on Saturday) (Sung in unison on Sunday)

Psalm

Antiphon / Refrain

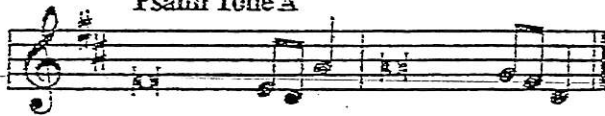
Initial phrase



Concluding phrase



Psalm Tone A



(Initial Phrase)

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctu- | ary;*

praise him in his mighty | heavens!

²Praise him for his | mighty deeds;*

praise him according to his excellent | greatness! (Initial Phrase)

³Praise him with | trumpet sound;*
 praise him with | lute and harp!
⁴Praise him with tambou- | rine and dance;*
 praise him with | strings and pipe!
⁵Praise him with sounding | cymbals;*
 praise him with loud clashing | cymbals!
⁶Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD! *
 Praise | the LORD!

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.
 (Concluding Phrase)

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Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
 and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
 so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does

not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand
Gospel

John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Sit
Children's Message (Sunday)

482 This Joyful Eastertide

Sermon "Fruitful Branches Connected to the Vines"

John 15:1-8

Offering / The Hymn of the month

Reception of New Member (Marita Hemman)

Stand
Kyrie

L O Lord,

G have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C 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.

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.

Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
L For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Additional Collects

Evening Prayer (Saturday)

G 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)

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.

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

Blessing

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- G** Amen.

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus (Sunday)

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(Sunday)

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Lilly Gass
Olivia Bergmann

Sharon Storck

Birthdays: 28th Marla Hasheider, 29th Charles Grewe, 30th Taylor Wilson, 1st Laney Hundelt, Alexa Rennegarbe, Cora Schmidt, William Strasburg; 2nd Danielle Eggemann, Gene Frederking; 3rd Jose Eggemann, Cindy Kuhlengel, Matthew Bolam; 4th Earl Weeke

April Ushers – Saturday – Jason Obermeier; Sunday – John and Steve Elliott

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class at 9:00 a.m.

April “hymn of the month” results: We will sing the top choice today at offering. A total of 13 LSB hymns from three categories received votes. The results will influence future hymn selections. Thank you to all who participated.

LWML is doing a collection during April for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. We are collecting canned goods of any type, as well as men’s toiletries and baby items (diapers, wipes, etc). For a full list of needed items, please see the April newsletter. A bin is in the narthex for donations. All congregation members are invited to help us with this project. Thank you for your assistance!

Stewardship Workshop is Monday, May 6th, with dinner at 5:30 p.m.; out the door by 8:30 p.m. Presented by Rev. Heath Curtis, LCMS Stewardship Coordinator. Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Centralia. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for your church.

Immanuel LYF is sponsoring a Rose Sale on Sunday, May 12th.

Organ Anniversary Celebration will be on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26th.

Seeking Church Custodian Our current church custodian, Sharon Storck, has decided she will conclude her years doing those duties at the end of May. If you are interested in this part time paid position, please contact an elder.

Save The Date Church pictorial directory pictures will be on August 22-24, 2024.

In honor of Cora Schmidt’s 80th birthday, flowers were placed on the alter by her family, Doug and Lynn Owens, Danny, Rachel, and Hanna Schmidt, and Zak, Aly, and Wyatt Owens.

SCHOOL NEWS

Science Center Field Trip for grades 1st through 4th is Monday, April 29.

Field Trip to the Zoo is April 30th for the Kindergarten class.

Chapel service at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1st – Pastor Eichhorn

You can help the school financially by doing the following: Shop With Raiseright – For complete information visit www.shopwithraiseright.com or contact Deann Muehlhauser at deann85@gmail.com Checks payable to ILS PTL. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756 and Amazon donates to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Okawville. Participate in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. Join **Casey’s Rewards** today and donate to our school. This is for instore, online or at the pump purchases.

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Heritage House Museum Association is sponsoring a carry-out dinner for Sunday, May 5, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and serving until 1:00 p.m. Carry-outs can be picked up at the food stand building behind the Schlosser Complex property along West St. Louis Street. The menu will include roast beef or roast pork, beef and noodles, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned green beans, candied carrots and buttered corn. A dinner that includes an entrée and 2 sides is \$13.00. Additional beef and noodles are available for \$10.00 a quart. Extra sides are also available for \$2.00 per serving. We will also have a great selection of homemade pie, cake, and various desserts for \$3.50. "All food is homemade". Proceeds will benefit the Museum Association and help pay for the maintenance and the perseverance of the museum properties that are major attractions for the town of Okawville. For more information, call Jackie at 618-243-6213 or 618-541-7708. (leave a message with a phone number)

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

Life Quotes "It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives." *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas*

Stewardship James 1:17 – "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world. Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us; we are only imitating our Father, growing up into His likeness.

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, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 were not counted.
Expenses for the week \$13,486.39

Update to Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$293.34 and Immanuel Lutheran School received \$367.00 for the month of April. Thank you for directing your “Thrivent Choice Dollars” to Immanuel.

If you have not contacted Thrivent Choice Recently, please call 800-847-4836 to see if Thrivent has money set aside for you to designate to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran School or another designation of your choice. Money is available through the Thrivent Choice Program. This is not a donation coming out of your investment.

Reminder: Bunker’s Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course
