Sermon: "God's Mission to Save Sinners: Christ the Savior Gives Us Living Water to Drink"
John 4:5-30, 39-42
Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, 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: 19 Communed: 14 Sunday: 90 Communed: 57
Bible Class: 11 Sunday School: 14

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, Janet Lange, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
  At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
  At Washington County Hospital - Nancy Weeke
  At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members: Lisa Arbogast-Eilers, an ILS graduate; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck.
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship.
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- John Trinklein, second-year student at Concordia Seminary
- 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

535 How Wide the Love of Christ(Sunday)

Stand

Opening Versicles

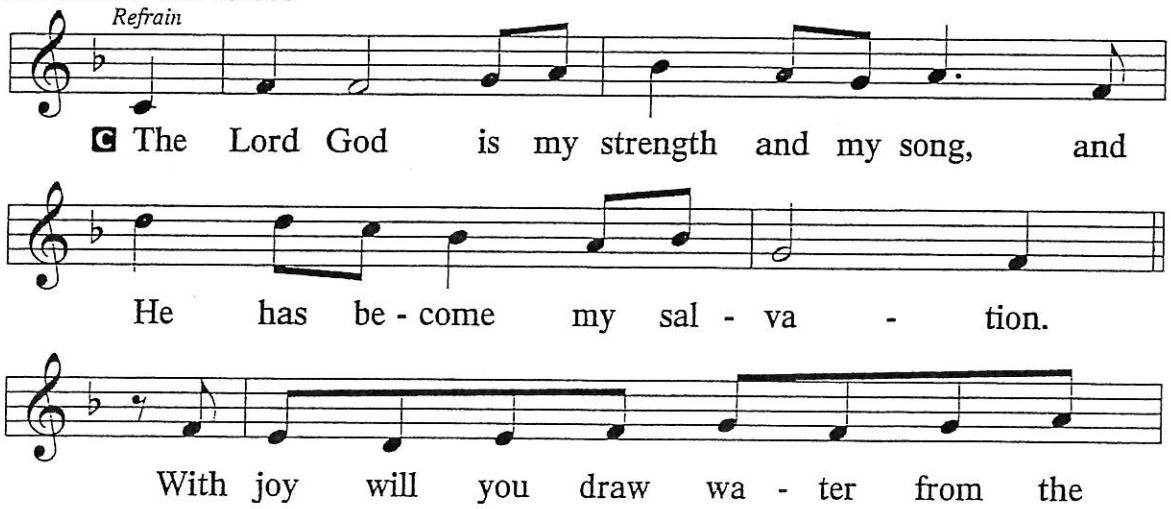
L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

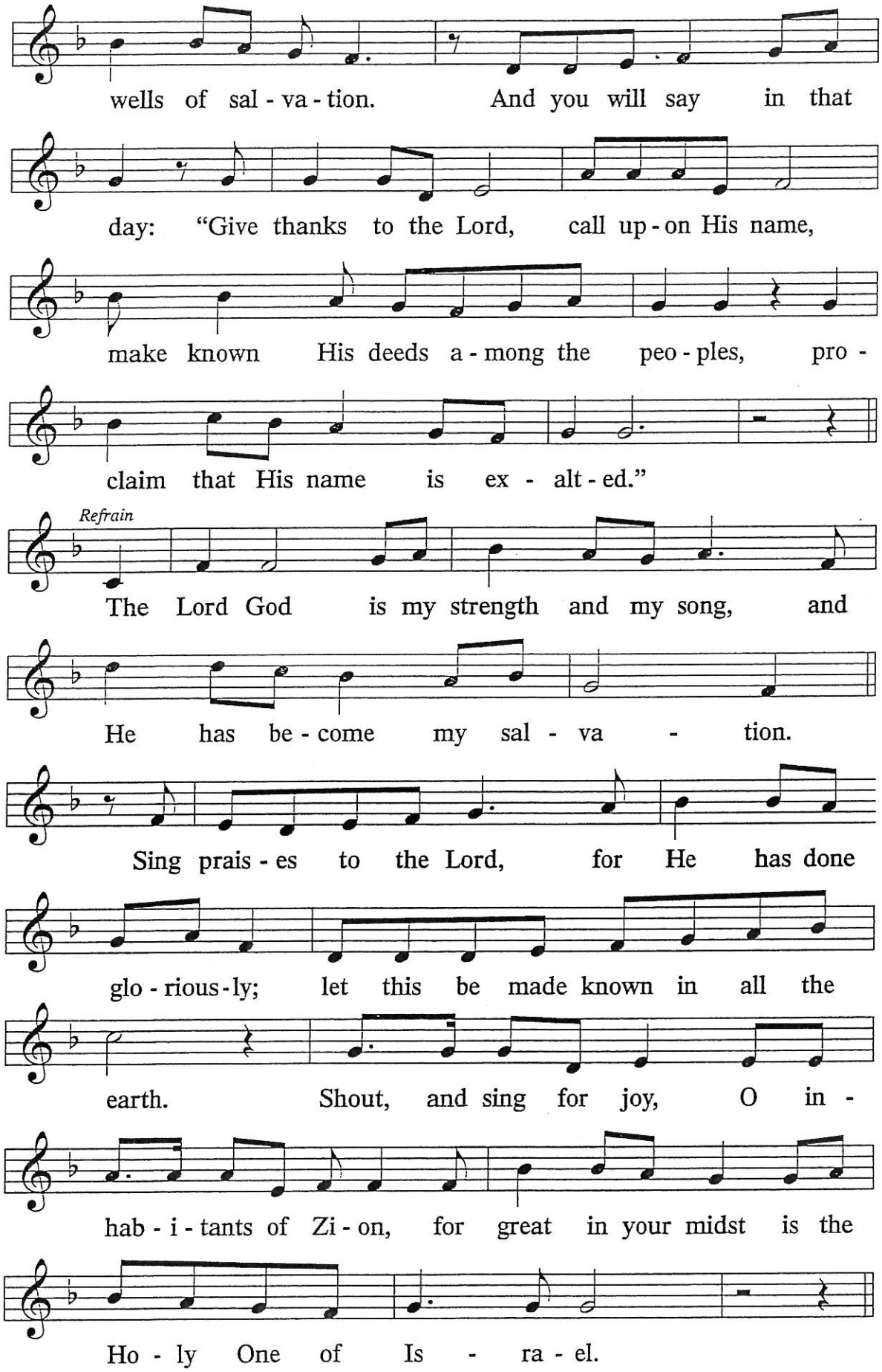
L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

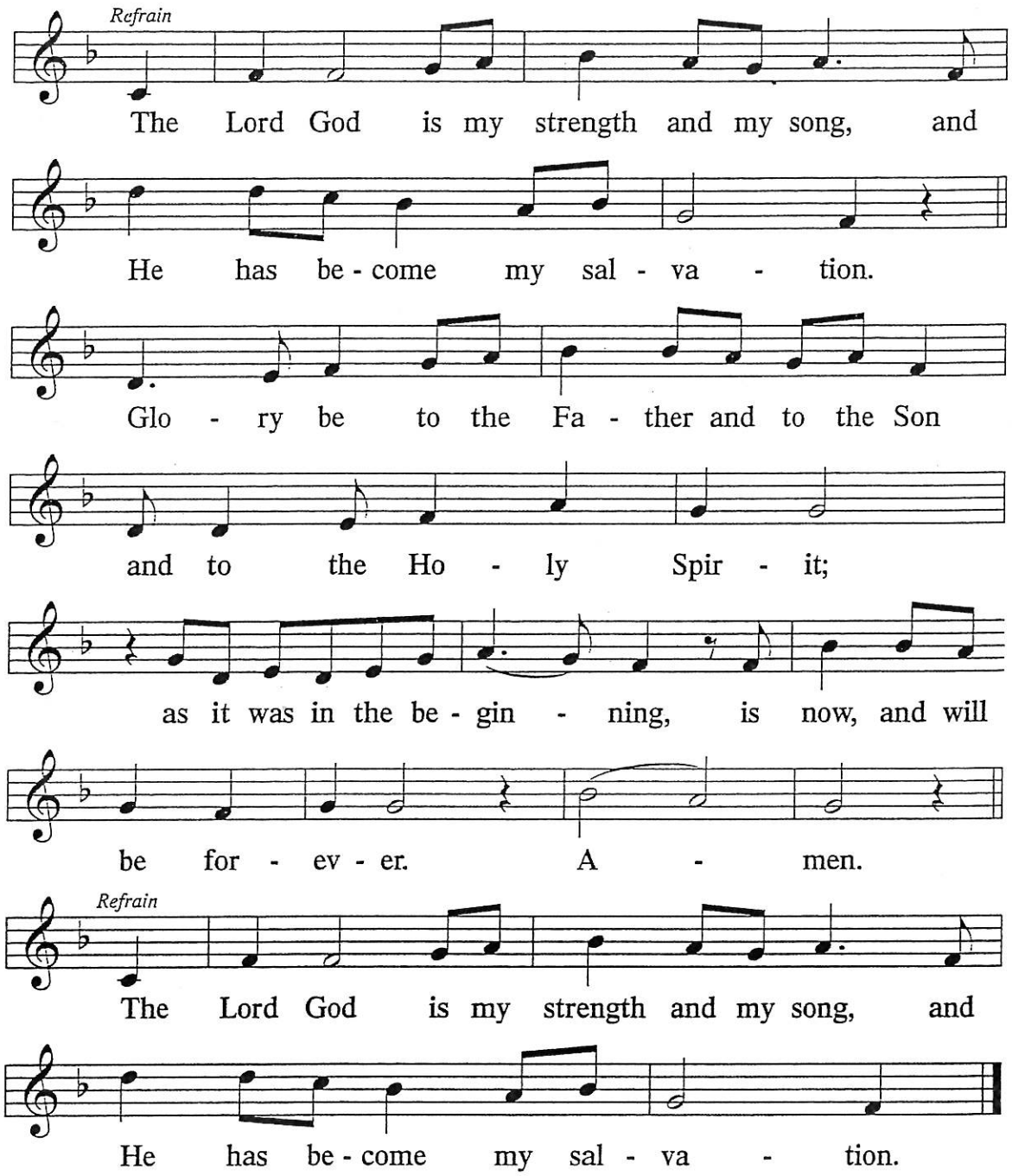
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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




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.



Readings From Holy Scripture

Psalm 95

Psalm 95:1–9

[1]Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
[2]Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
[3]For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.
4In his hand are the depths | of the earth;*
the heights of the mountains are his | also.
5The sea is his, for he | made it,*
and his hands formed the | dry land.

6Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!
7For he | is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep | of his hand.
Today, if you | hear his voice,*
8do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the | wilderness,
9when your fathers put me | to the test*
and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.

Sit

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1–7

1All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

1Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces

character, and character produces hope, [5]and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

[6]For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— [8]but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel

John 4:5–30, 39–42

[5][Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [6]Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

[7]There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." [8](For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) [9]The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) [10]Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." [11]The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? [12]Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." [13]Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, [14]but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." [15]The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

[16]Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." [17]The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; [18]for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." [19]The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. [20]Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." [21]Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [22]You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23]But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. [24]God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." [25]The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." [26]Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

[27]Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but
no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" [28]So the woman left
her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, [29]"Come, see a man who told
me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" [30]They went out of the town and were coming
to him. . . .

[39]Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He
told me all that I ever did." [40]So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay
with them, and he stayed there two days. [41]And many more believed because of his word.
[42]They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we
have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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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 "God's Mission to Save Sinners: Christ the Savior Gives Us Living Water to Drink" John 4:5-30, 39-42

824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.**

505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

Triune God, be Thou our stay;
O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one;
Uphold our faith most holy,
And let us trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christians running
Our heav'nly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done;
O Lord, have mercy on us.

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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 us.
C **Amen.**

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Sunday)

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(Sunday)	Devin Hundelt
Readers: (Saturday)	Jeff Obermeier
(Sunday)	Jeff Jacobs

Birthdays: 8th Charlene Elliott, Brian Woods, 11th Toryn Stevenson, 12th Kaidyn Schumacher, 13th Tensley Kolweier, 14th Addysen Rennegarbe

March Ushers – Saturday – Jeff Obermeier
Sunday – Gary Streuter and Greg Harre

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.
Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. Bible class led by Rev. Chris Yang.
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Public Catechesis this Monday at 6:45 a.m.
Elders' Meeting this Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Stewardship Board Meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Community Bible Study at Bunkers this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Lenten Vespers Service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Choir this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Chapel this Friday at 12:15 a.m. with ILS 7th & 8th Grade Class

Easter Lillies to beautify the chancel can be ordered by calling Lois Obermeier at 618-977-5956. The cost is $11.50. Orders need to be in by March 22nd.

March 29th Sunday School students will celebrate Palm Sunday by singing with the adult choir and walking in with palm leaves to start the service. The Sunday School Board would like to invite the congregation to the school gym Easter morning at 9:00 am for doughnuts and milk, listen to the children rehearse their songs for church and enjoy an Easter egg hunt behind the school. If anyone would like to give a monetary donation to help with candy for the Sunday School Easter egg hunt, please contact Krissy Schneider 618-559-7097, Amber Jacobs 618-314-5851, or Kristal Jacobs 618-830-5528. Thank you!

Extra copies of the March newsletter are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone else.

SCHOOL NEWS

Now Enrolling Students for 2026/2027 School Year at Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville.

Preschool -8th Grade
Open Enrollment for everyone begins
March 15th during the PTL Breakfast

Grandparent's Day is Friday, March 13th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with early dismissal at 12:20 p.m.

The PTL Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, March 15 7:30 – 12:00. Please call the school office or see any ILS/Wee Care student for tickets. Tickets are $10.00 in advance or $12.00 at the door.

Schlolastic Book Fair is March 15th – March 19th in the ILS gym. The book fair will be open for everyone Sunday, March 15th at the PTL Pancake Breakfast, Wednesday, March 18th 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 19th 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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 www.shopwithraiseright.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.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we "can rejoice in our sufferings" (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, "let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who "died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Life Quotes: "The call to be disciples of Jesus who live out our faith each day and, in so doing, work to make disciples of others, has never been greater ... We need to boldly proclaim what God has done for us in Christ. Not in a spirit of superiority or power, but in a posture of love and grace." *Bishop Dan Selbo, North American Lutheran Church – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: Exodus 17:3 – "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?'" Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran to Hold Its Winter Workshop on Necessary Masculinity: The world says all sorts of things about masculinity, even that it's toxic. Yet, Holy Scripture says otherwise. What does true masculinity look like? What are the responsibilities that God gives to men? How do we raise our boys to be godly men? On **Sunday, March 8th**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ferrin, IL) will host Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer for its annual winter workshop, where he will present on "Necessary Masculinity." Rev. Hemmer is the pastor at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights, IL) and is the author of Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity. He has presented on this topic throughout the synod, which has been well-received. The workshop will be held at the church from **2pm to 5pm**, and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served as well. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1 were not counted.

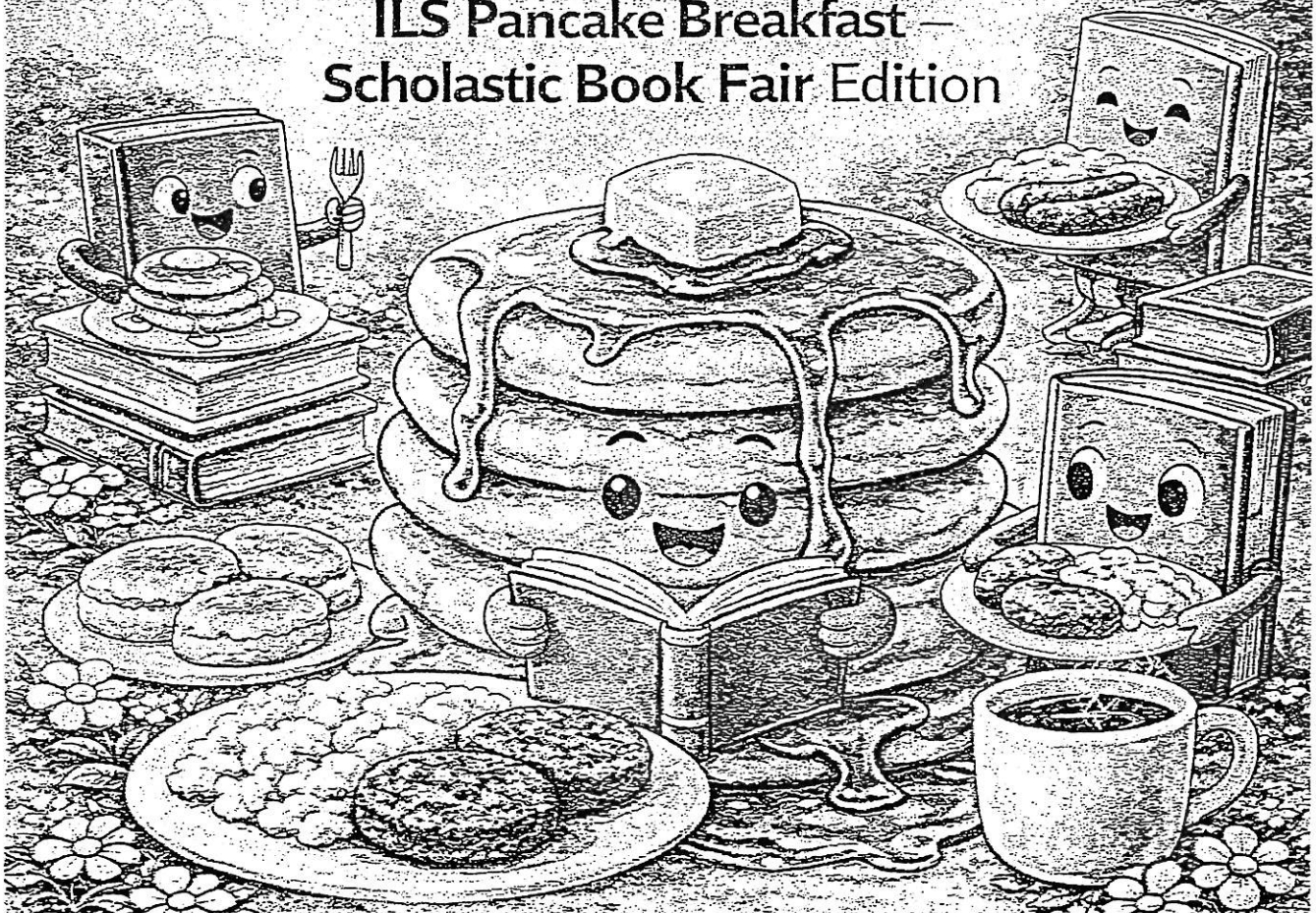
Expenses for the week: $863.05
Previous Loan Balance: $45,000.00
Borrowed an additional: $13,000.00 (1/29/26)

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 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. Over the last six months Immanuel received $180.00. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course

Pancake Breakfast

ILS Pancake Breakfast – Scholastic Book Fair Edition



- **Sunday, March 15**
- **7:30 – 12:30**
- **ILS Gym**
- **$10 Advance / $12 Door**
- **Kids 5 & Under Free**