



Sermon: "Big Cross and Little Cross" Matthew 16:21-28
Saturday, August 29 & Sunday, August 30, 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: 12 Sunday: 65

Bible Class: 8

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, Scott Dunn, Norbert Hasheider, Deb Mashhoff, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah - Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
 - At Memorial Hospital, Belleville - Stanley Schwankhaus
- Charlotte Durham hip replacement surgery August 31st
- Non-members: Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; 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, vicar in Long Beach, CA
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
 - ...Reverend Jacob Moore's call as SID missionary pastor
 - ...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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service - Divine Service Setting Three

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (Sunday)

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the

command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

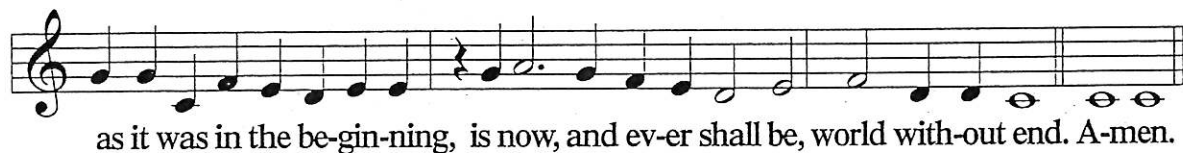
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Service of the Word

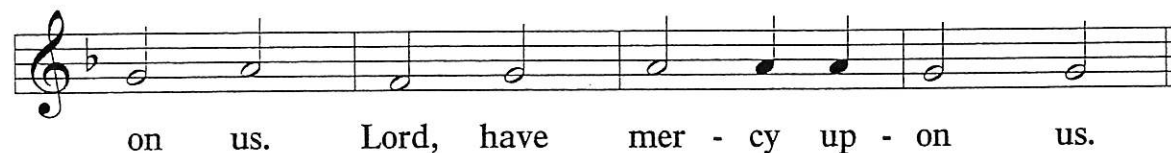
Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out
evil de- | vices!
Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.



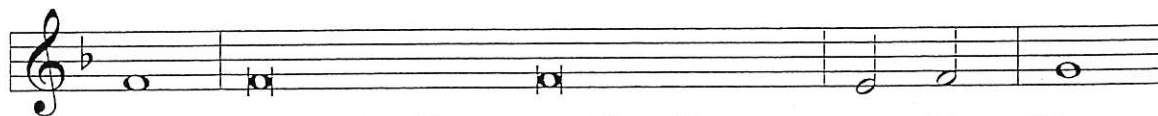
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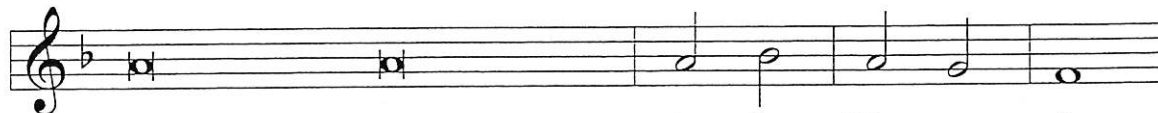
Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



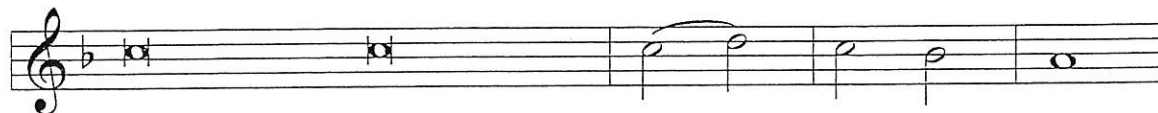
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



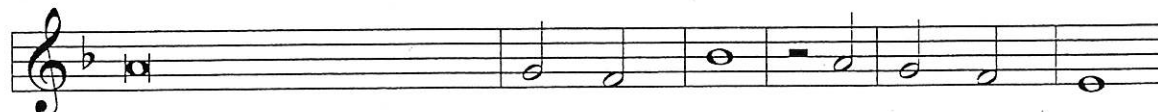
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



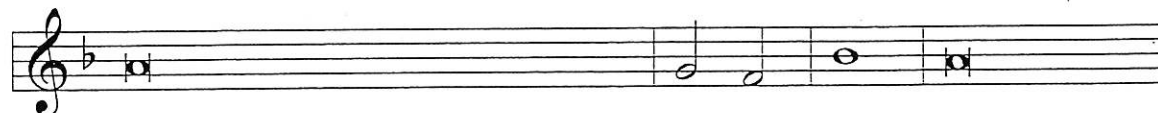
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



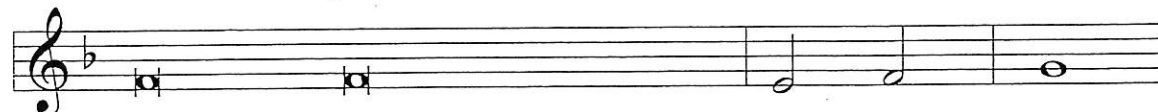
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

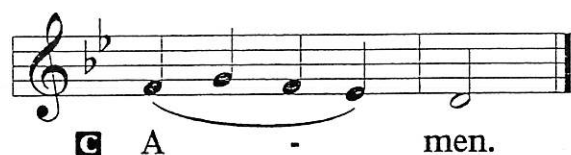


G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,

nor did I rejoice;
 I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail?
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
 "If you return, I will restore you,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall be as my mouth.
 They shall turn to you,
 but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
 for those who fear him lack | nothing!
 Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
 but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another
 with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in
 zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be
 constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those
 who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

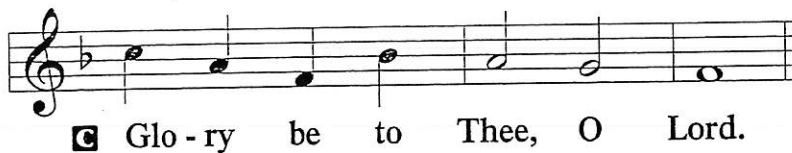
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

G 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

531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

Stand

Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



G It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

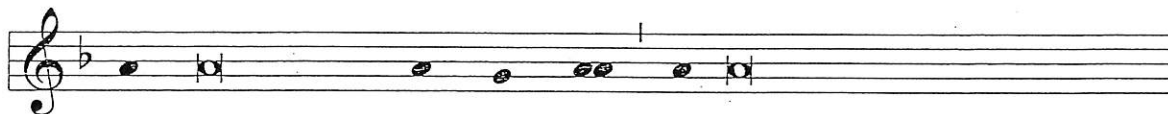
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord



P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



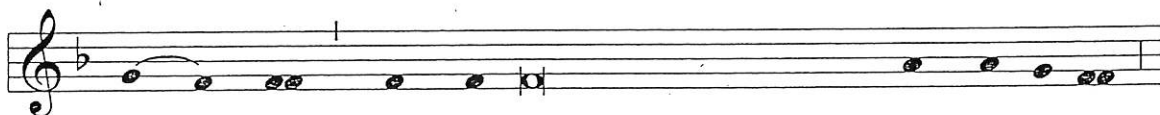
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

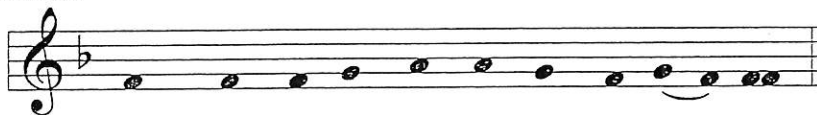


My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

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.

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

861 Christ Be My Leader

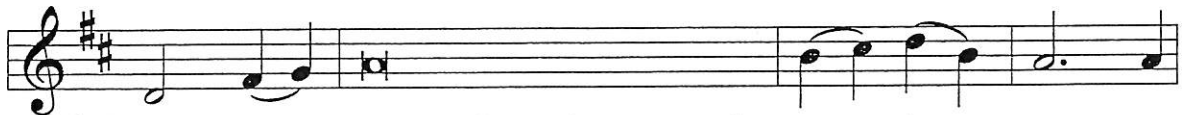
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

[P] 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.

Nunc Dimittis



[C] Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



G A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

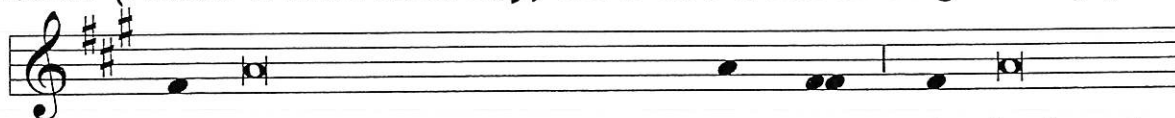


A Bless we the Lord.

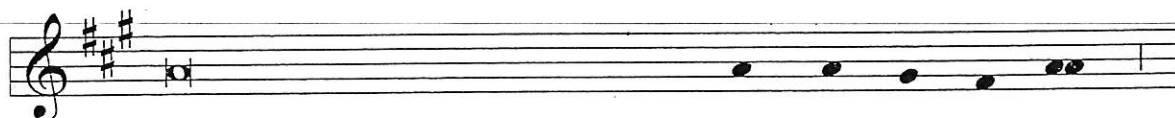


G Thanks be to God.

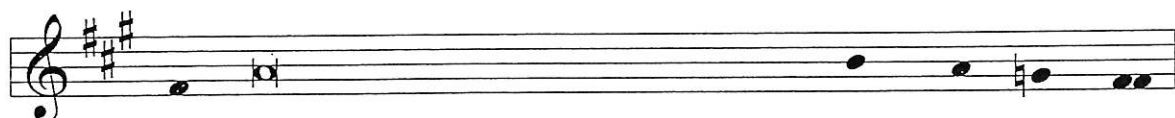
Benediction (Pastor chants Saturday; choir and children sing Sunday.)



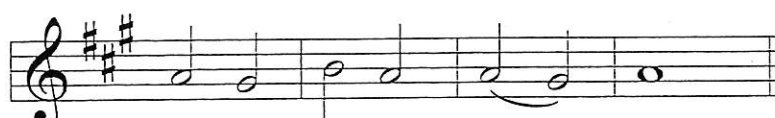
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

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

Acknowledgments

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Pastor:

Pianist: (Saturday)

Organist: (Sunday)

Acolytes: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Communion Assistants (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Eric Wood

Sophia Wood

Sharon Krueger

Coleson Hasheider

Sadie Bergmann

Rodney Helbig

Connie Murphy

Dennis Pruehsner

Jeff Jacobs

Birthdays, 1st Steve Elliott, 3rd Doane Borrenpohl, Rev. Eric Wood, 4th Tyler Storck

August Ushers – Saturday –

Sunday – Dennis Maschhoff

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

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

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's first day will be September 13 at 9:00am. We 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 have another opportunity for kids in first grade or older to sing with the adult choir on August 30th. Any children who would like to participate can come to the church at 8:30a.m. on the 30th to practice and then they will sing the Benediction at the end of the service with the choir. We are looking forward to another great year and as always contact Krissy, Kristal, or Amber if you have 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. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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

We are looking for library volunteers on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Recker at 618-314-1327.

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 4th 12:20 p.m. dismissal

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: At the end of earthly life, we might cry out: “Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?” (Jeremiah 15:18). Don’t take your life, or anyone else’s, into your own hands. Receive St. Paul’s encouragement for all your for-life conversations: “Love one another with brotherly affection ... associate with the lowly ... live peaceably with all ... do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:9-21). Even though many of us may “taste death” before the Son of Man returns, we set our minds on the things of God—life! —and not the things of man (Matthew 16:23, 28).

Life Quotes: “Use the biological reality of the word ‘abortion’ to begin discussion to share that message with your unbelieving neighbor. Do so with boldness, but gentleness, please! Use the eternal reality of the word ‘abortion’ to share that message with your fellow believers. Speak the truth in love, please!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don’t know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God’s kingdom.

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 15, Sunday, August 16, Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23 were as follows: Current \$1,170.00, Home Use \$7,098.33, Loose \$188.00.

Expenses for the week: \$4,240.97

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

Wee Care Dinner Auction Fund Balance: \$1,584.62

Thrivent Choice: Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$507.00 and Immanuel Lutheran School received \$25.00 from "Thrivent Choice Dollars" designations in August. Thank you to everyone who directed their "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 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!