



Sermon: "Highly Valued People Highly Value the Father's Kingdom" Luke 12:22-40
Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10, 2025
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: 24 Communed: 18 Sunday: 86 Communed: 69

Bible Class: 4

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, Linda Frederking, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Jewel Martens, Gene Rennegarbe, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Breese Nursing Home – Lois Rabenort
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; 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
- 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 smalltown 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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock (Sunday)

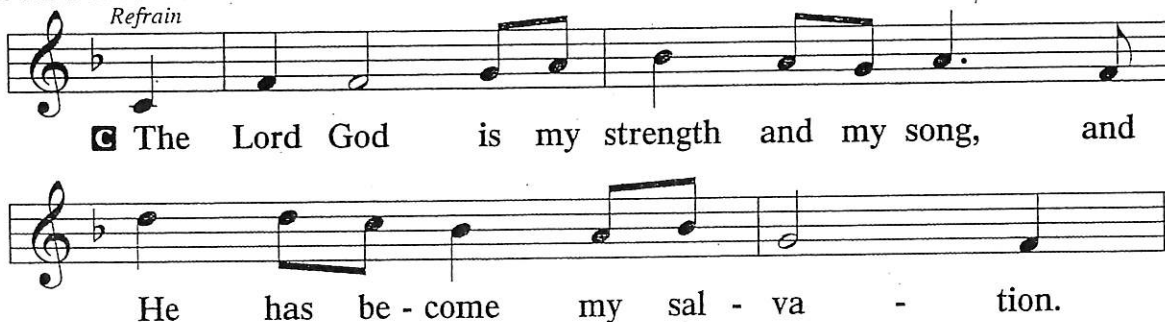
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Opening Versicles

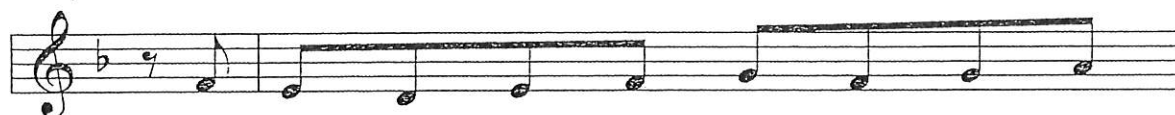
- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell 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."



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

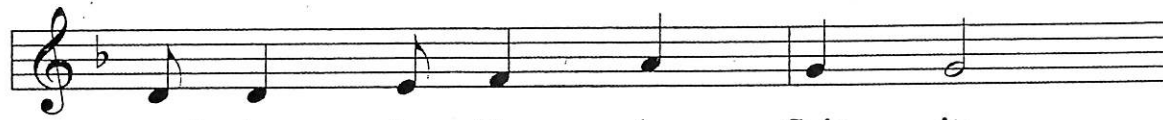
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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



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 33:12-22 (spoken in unison)

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!

- ¹³The LORD looks down from | heaven;*
 he sees all the chil- | dren of man;
¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he | looks out*
 on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
¹⁵he who fashions the hearts | of them all*
 and observes | all their deeds.
¹⁶The king is not saved by his great | army;*
 a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,*
 and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
 on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
¹⁹that he may deliver their | soul from death*
 and keep them alive in | famine.
²⁰Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
 he is our help | and our shield.
²¹For our heart is | glad in him,*
 because we trust in his | holy name.
²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,*
 even as we | hope in you.

Sit

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the

universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 12:22-40

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so

clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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

G 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.

G 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.

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

Catechism Review (Apostles' Creed 1st Article)

LSB p.322

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

Sermon "Highly Valued People Highly Value the Father's Kingdom" Luke 12:22-40

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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:

G 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:

G 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:

G Lord, have mercy.

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

G Lord, have mercy.

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

G Lord, have mercy.

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

G Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

G 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 Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G 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. 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

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

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.
Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

OAR 314 One in Christ and One in Spirit (Sunday)

1 One in Christ and one in Spir - it, One in Chris - tian
2 Chris - tian sis - ters, Chris - tian broth - ers, Reach - ing out to
3 One in Christ, now and for - ev - er, With one voice, we
u - ni - ty. From our Fa - ther, we in - her - it
those in need, We pro - claim Good News to oth - ers
glad - ly sing. Nei - ther life nor death can sev - er

Life with Him e - ter - nal - ly. Made a - new in Word and
 As we bold - ly share our creed. In our learn - ing and our
 Chris-tians from their lov - ing King. As we learn of His sal -
 wa - ter, Freed from death and cleansed from sin. Per-fect
 grow - ing, We are strength-ened in the Word. In our
 va - tion, May we tell of Je - sus' grace To each
 son and ho - ly daugh-ter— Hearts made pure and whole with - in.
 com-ing and our go - ing, We live out what we have heard.
 fu - ture gen - er - a - tion At all times, in ev - 'ry place.

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(Sunday)

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(Sunday)

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Devin Hundelt

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Jeff Obermeier

Deb Guest

Birthdays: 10th Sheppard Dugger, Larry Hasheider, 11th Kinzy Schneider,
 12th Jason Hevner, 14th Landon Elliott, 15th Donna Davis

August Ushers – Saturday – Jeff Obermeier

Sunday – Garrett Guest and Larry Kuhlengel

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

Chapel at 8:30 this Wednesday with Pastor Wood

Acolyte training for all 6th and 7th graders will be after worship service on August 24th. We will need some experienced acolytes to demonstrate for the new ones.

Sunday School is asking if anyone would like to co-teach the PreK/K Sunday School classes with Erin Kurtz. Sunday School runs mid Sept-Early May. Please get in touch with Allison Dunn, Krissy Schneider, or Amber Jacobs. We are also looking for volunteers to be on a sub list so if we ever need help with coverage we have someone to check with. Our Program is run by busy parents and there are times where we need help with coverage because of scheduling conflicts. This would not commit you to helping when we have events going on like Christmas Program or Easter Breakfast.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Online Registration is now available through teacher ease.

ILS Open House – Immanuel Lutheran School welcomes you to open house Monday, August 11th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. ZimmKreation will also be set up with spirit wear for all ILS supporters.

First Day of school K-8 is August 13th with early dismissal at 12:20 p.m.

First Day of pre-school is August 14th.

Board for Parochial Ed. Meeting is August 14th at 6:30 p.m.,

PTL Meeting is August 18th at 6:30 P.M. Come join us for the first meeting of the new school year.

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.

Wee Care Wheat Festival Float

This year the Wee Care is celebrating 25 years of service to the children of our community! We would like to produce a nice entry (float) for the Wheat Festival Parade to recognize this milestone. The only way this can be accomplished is with assistance from people with skills to do the work. We also do not want to wait until the last minute to decide on a theme and start gathering items. Please reach out to Cheri ASAP at 618-243-6161 if you are willing and able to help! Thank you!

COMMUNITY NOTES

Balloon Breakfast Fundraiser: Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia is having a Balloon Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, August 16, from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall building. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, fruit, and more! Adult tickets are \$10, Children (10 and under) are \$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Trinity at (618) 532-2614 or they can also be purchased at the door. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors for the Trinity Balloon Breakfast and enjoy other Balloon Fest activities during the weekend!

Pork Steak Dinner August 17 at New Minden: St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, is hosting a BBQ Pork Steak Dinner next Sunday, August 17, from 11:30am-sold out. The meal will be \$15, drive-thru only, and we ask that vehicles enter on the west driveway at the God's Garden sign. The meal will include BBQ pork steak, fresh sweet corn from "God's Garden" at St. John's, freshly prepared coleslaw, and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Worship Anew is a service organization of the LCMS that broadcasts worship services especially for the homebound. They invite school and church choirs to record music and earlier this year the Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir traveled to Ft. Wayne to record hymns and anthems for some of their future broadcasts. This month the CORLHS choir will be included on Sunday, August 17 and 31. *Worship Anew* is available Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on cable TV. You may also find more information on worshipanew.org

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: The Heavenly Father hopes for human offspring as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5) and countless as grains of sand (Hebrews 11:12). So Christians encourage our communities to share our joy in regarding children – no matter what size, skills, or circumstances – as more precious than any amount of income, possessions, or pets (Luke 12:22-24).

Life Quotes: “Our Lord Jesus Christ assures us that the Heavenly Father makes His love for our kind evident in sunshine and rainfall (Matthew 5:45) along with sparrows and lilies (Matthew 6:25-33). So, we may expect to learn about the sanctity of every human life not only from His Word but also from His world.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship: Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.” As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity — we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous — don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, July 19, Sunday, July 20, Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27 were as follows: Current \$860.00, Home Use \$8495.00, and Loose \$370.00.

Expenses for the week: \$765.60

Loan Balance: \$20,000.00 (Borrowed 05/28/25), \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 06/30/25), and \$10,000.00 (Borrowed on 07/14/25)

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.