



Sermon: "Our Faith is the Victory" John 15:9-17
Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5, 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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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, 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: 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.
- Taylor Haacke, former ILS student, died Wednesday, May 1. Eldon Ahner, husband of previous guest organist Pinky Ahner, died on Sunday, April 28. Please keep both families in your prayers.
- The calling of a pastor to serve the new dual parish of St. Salvator and Olive Branch, our nearest neighbor LC-MS congregations
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County-Schools
- Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores, LCMS missionary in the Dominican Republic
- Rev. Hans Trinklein, visiting professor at Concordia University, Nebraska
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
 - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
 - ...urban ministry in East St. Louis
 - ...campus ministry at SIU-C and SIU-E
 - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
 - ...partnership with Seminario Concordia El Reformador, Dominican Republic

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Order of Service - Divine Service Setting One

Confession and Absolution

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (Sunday)

Stand

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

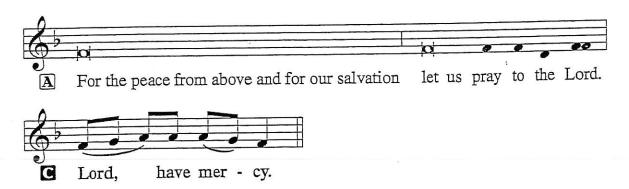
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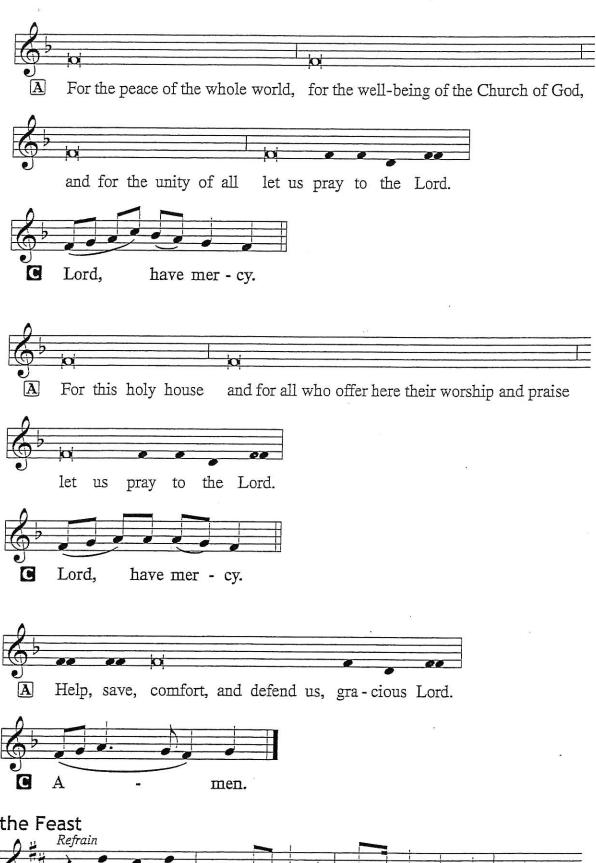
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

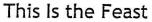
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Kyrie

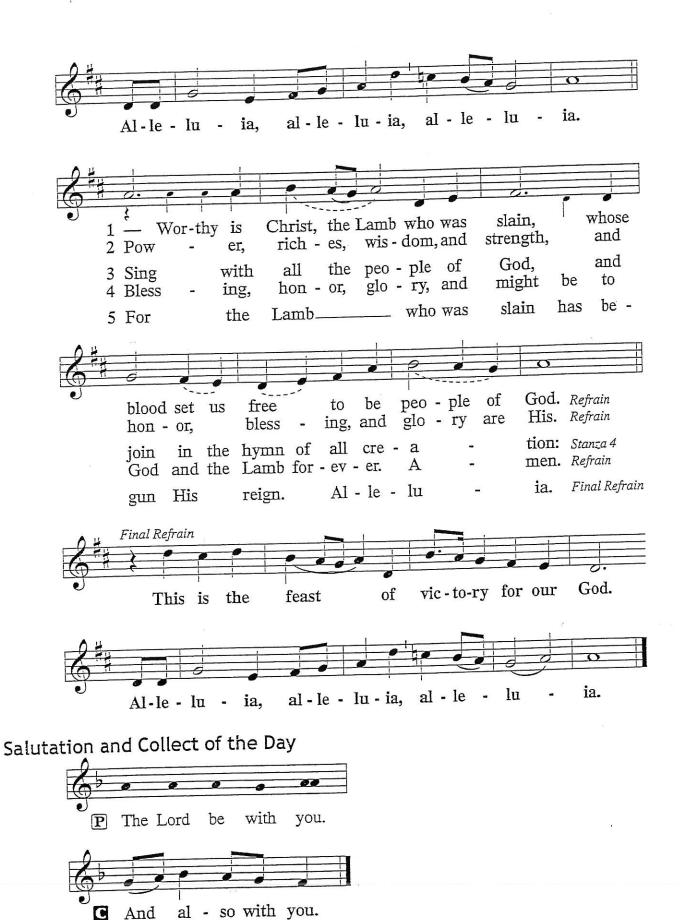












P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 5:1-8

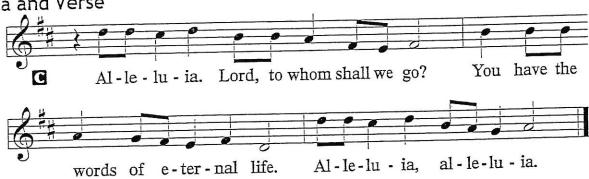
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

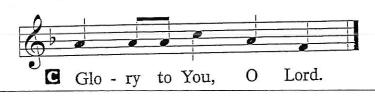
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

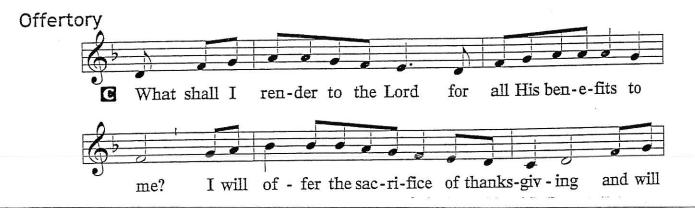
Prayer of the Church

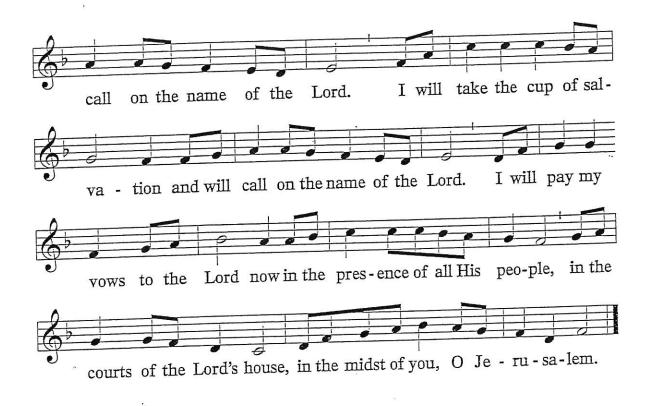
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering

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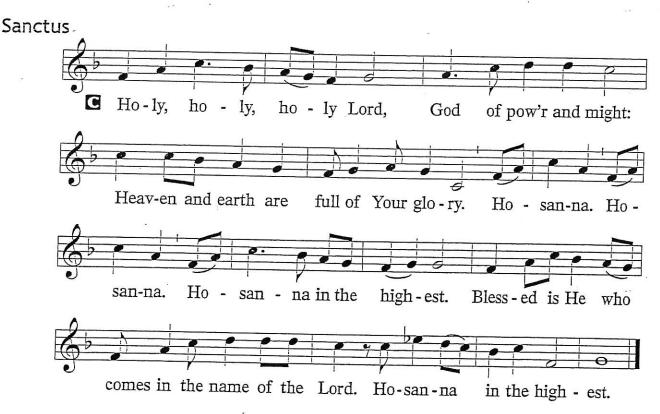


Service of the Sacrament





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us

together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My H body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.



of the world;

sin

Sit

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:

grant

US

peace.

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.

481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

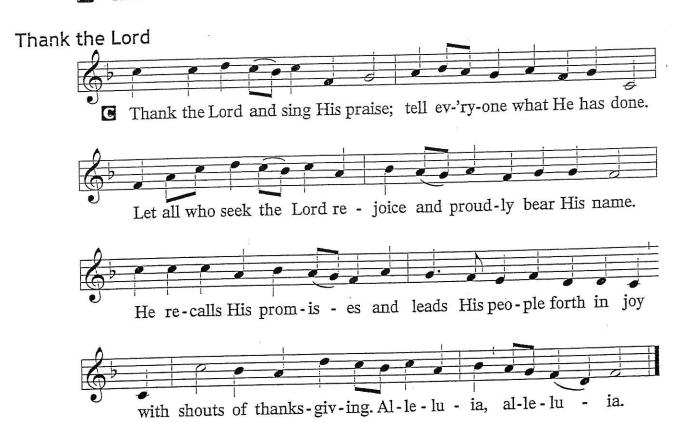
651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

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.



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



480 He's Risen, He's Risen (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Pastor

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Pianist (Saturday)
Organist (Sunday)
Acolytes (Saturday)
(Sunday)
Readers (Saturday)
(Sunday)
Communion Assistants (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Eric Wood
Nora Wood
Sharon Krueger
Nolan Langenfeld
Tyler Storck
Rodney Helbig
Jeff Jacobs
Kent Helbig
Jonathan Schneider

Birthdays: 5th Victoria Woods, 6th Elizabeth Guest, Saxon Cantrell, 9th Kylie Hasheider.

May Ushers - Saturday - Sunday -

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

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

LWML sends a thank you to all who contributed for the LWML collection for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank! We will deliver all of the items soon.

The April LWML meeting was cancelled due to stormy weather. We will next meet on Thursday, May 23 at 7pm in the church basement. Pat Quinlan will have the devotion, and Adeline Blumhorst will have the topic. Please join us!

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.

VBS: Parents can now sign their children up for our VBS June 17th-22nd 8:30 to 11am M-F. See the Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School Facebook page for a link to the google doc. Celebrate the Savior - Jesus Gives Us Joy is our fun theme this year. If you'd like to volunteer for all or part of the week, please contact Erin Kurtz, Allison Dunn or Krissy Schneider. We will also be accepting donations and plan to publish an Amazon Wishlist for items we will need for the week.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Grandparents' Day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the afternoon.

Conference Track Meet is Monday, May 6th.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10.

Chapel service at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8th - Pastor Wood

All School Field Trip is Friday, May 10th to the Highland Rec Center.

Lutheran School Track Meet is Saturday, May 11th.

Immanuel Lutheran School is searching for a pre-school teacher. Mrs. Courtney Sprehe is leaving us at the end of this school year to serve as a kindergarten teacher at Trinity -St. John Lutheran School in Nashville, IL. Mrs. Sprehe has done a marvelous job and has touched many, many young hearts through her dedication and talents. Our new teacher must be Early Childhood certified. This is a full-time position teaching 3-year-olds in the morning and 4-year-olds in the afternoon. Please contact Mr. Bower at 618-243-6142 for more information or to turn in the name of a person interested.

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)

CORLHS Foundation Night Golf Event: The Foundation exists for the purpose of supporting and facilitating the operation of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Association. This is accomplished primarily through student scholarships and event sponsorships. On Friday, May 10, The Foundation is holding a Night Golf Fundraiser at Carlyle Lake Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:00 pm. This is a 4-person team scramble that includes 9 holes of golf, cart, and food. All players should bring a flashlight. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$240 per 4-person team. Each player will receive a flashing golf ball and tees will be moved to avoid water hazardes. Registration or sponsorship questions can be directed to Mr. Dan Kueper at dkueper@corlhs.org or (618) 520-0094.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

Life Quotes: "The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ's goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven." Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Stewardship: 1 Timothy 2:5–6 – "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all." To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so because we are ransomed. We belong to God: that's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, April 20, Sunday, April 21, Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28 were as follows: Current \$1,442.00, Home Use \$7890.00, Loose \$352.00. Expenses for the week \$52,775.06

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 <u>not</u> 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



Immanuel LYF is sponsoring a Rose Sale on

Sunday, May 12th, 2024

Roses are a great way to show your love and appreciation to Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Godmothers, or other special people who are "like a mom" to you. Please place order forms/payment in the LYF drop box located in the Narthex of the church. To guarantee a special mention in the bulletin, please turn in orders no later than Monday, May 6th.

Roses are \$5 each

Roses will be available in the back of the church after the service on Saturday. May 11th and Sunday, May 12th. You may pay at pickup or in advance. We will accept cash, check or Venmo payment to @PamHundelt labeling transaction as LYF Roses. Please contact Pam Hundelt at 618-599-4228 if you need to arrange another pickup option or if you have any questions.

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