



Sermon: "Two Destinies" Romans 5:12-19
Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, 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: 15 Sunday: 81 Communed: 67

Bible Class: 12 Sunday School: 7

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!

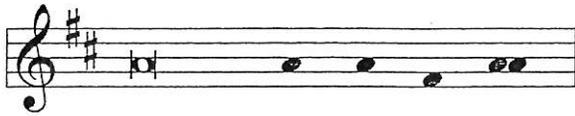
- All members of Immanuel including:
 - At home – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Washington 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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

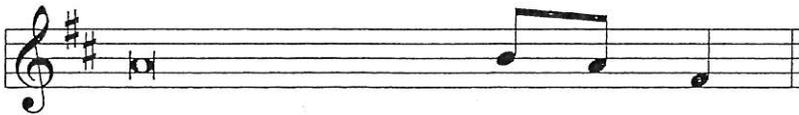
Order of Service - Matins

561 The Tree of Life (Sunday)

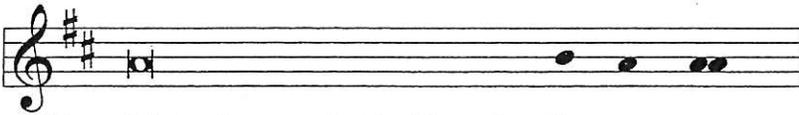
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

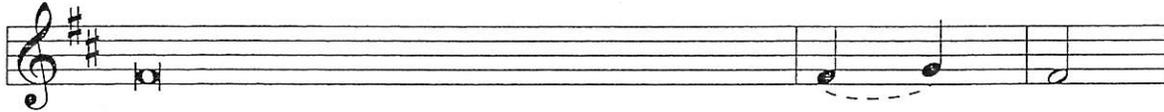


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

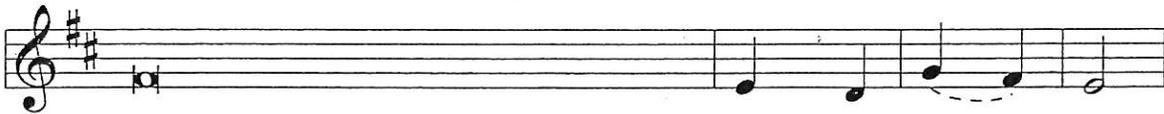


C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

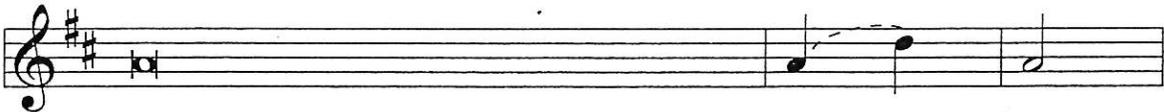
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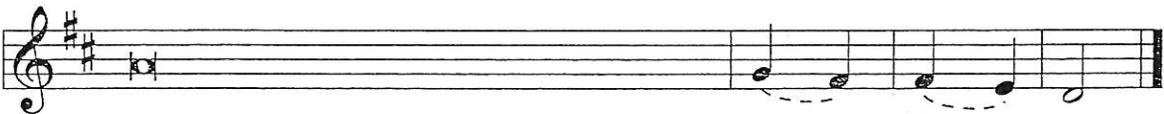
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev-er. A-men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



G O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Additional Psalms

Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 7a

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

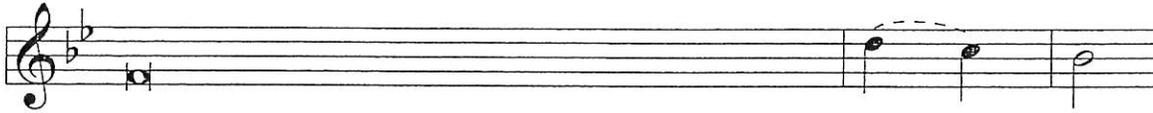
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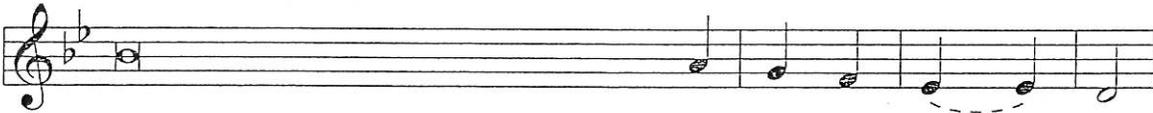
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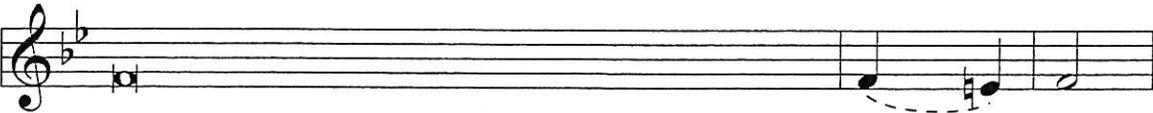
Te Deum



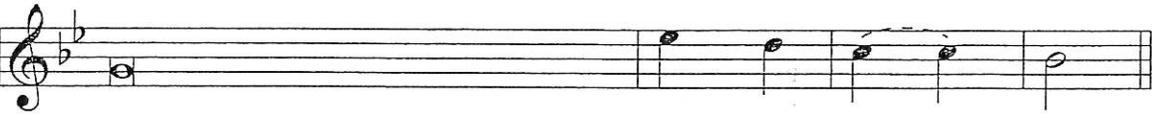
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



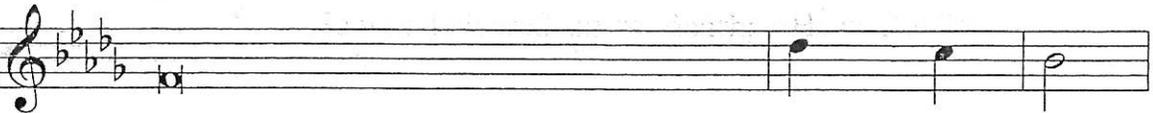
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



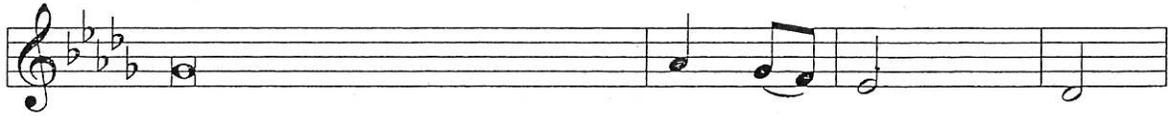
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



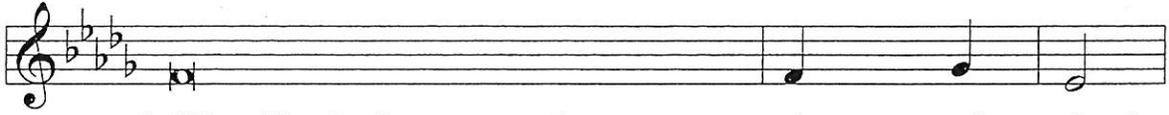
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
- 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



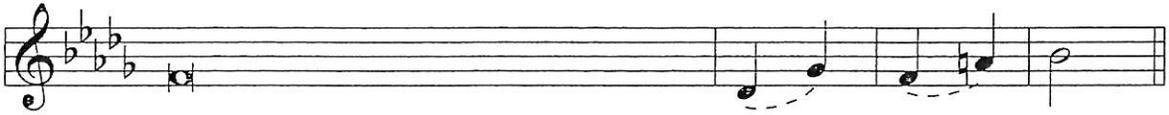
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



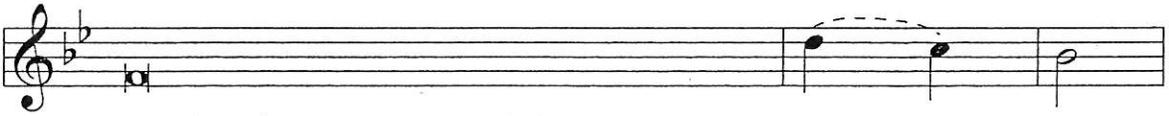
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



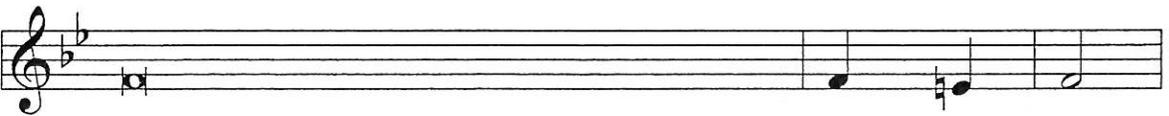
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.



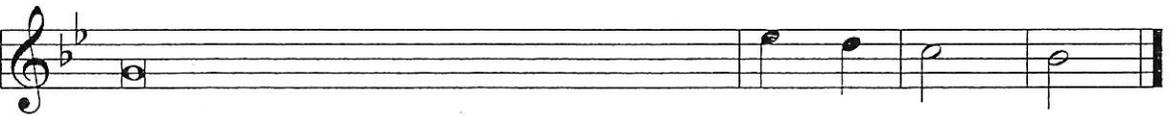
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may

walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Peace (Saturday)

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Collect for Grace (Sunday)

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Stand

Benedicamus



Benediction

P The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
G A - men.

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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Pianist: (Saturday)	Eric Wood
Organist: (Sunday)	Johnathan Clayton
Acolytes: (Saturday)	Sadie Bergmann
(Sunday)	Markus Lautenschlaeger
Readers: (Saturday)	Jeff Obermeier
(Sunday)	Deb Guest
Communion Assistants: (Saturday)	Dennis Pruehsner
(Sunday)	Jonathan Schneider

Birthdays: 24th Hannah Leonard, James Weeke, 25th Ada Guest, Patti Jacobs, Amber Benhoff, Taylor Walthon, 27th Kellee Helbig, 28th Larry Kuhlengel, Jason Zimmerman

February Ushers – Saturday – Chris Rennegarbe

Unverfehrt: Sunday – Jim Unverfehrt and Caleb Unverfehrt

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. Bible class topic is "Ask, Seek, Knock".

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Men's Club/Alumni Assoc. chili & chicken soup supper Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Public Catechesis this Monday at 6:30 a.m.

Community Bible Study at Bunkers this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Chapel this Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. with Pastor d'Entremont

Lenten Vespers Service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Choir this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Club/Alumni Association Chili & Chicken Soup Supper

The chili and soup supper will be held in Immanuel Lutheran School gym on Sunday, February 22 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It is all you can eat chili, chicken soup, a dessert, and drink. Adults - \$13.00, Children (10 and under) \$6.00, ages 5 and under are free. Carry outs are available (bring your own containers). Hope to see you there!

The Stewardship Board would like to thank you all so very much for generously supporting the luncheon for Pastor Heath Curtis! Whether you attended, brought a dish, donated money, or helped with the set up and clean up, we couldn't have done it without all of you!! We would also like to thank the teachers and students of ILS for the lovely heart messages and cute table decorations. It was a delicious meal during a very good presentation that left all of us with many things to think about, plan out, pray on, and then do the Lord's work.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

ILS Movie Night is Friday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, March 4th & Thursday, March 5th

No School on March 6th.

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: Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

Life Quotes: "God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must 'walk in the midst of trouble.'" *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written.'" Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons: First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Chicken Supper at St. John's, New Minden, Sunday, March 1, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. (or sold out). Serving 1/2 of a crispy and delicious fried chicken, famous German potato salad, seasoned green beans, cinnamon applesauce, and fabulous homemade desserts that you may choose from your car. \$15.00 per meal. Drive-thru only. Please enter from Highway 127 across from Countryside Corner at the “God’s Garden” sign.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School will host an Open House for prospective students on Thursday, March 5, with tours from 6:00-8:00 p.m. During that time, families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshman are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

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 14, and Sunday, February 15 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: \$8,068.41

Previous Loan Balance: \$45,000.00

Borrowed an additional: \$13,000.00 (1/29/26)

Thrivent Choice: Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$294.00 and Immanuel Lutheran School received \$22.00 from “Thrivent Choice Dollars” designations in February. Thank you to everyone who directed their “Thrivent Choice Dollars” to Immanuel. 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 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.