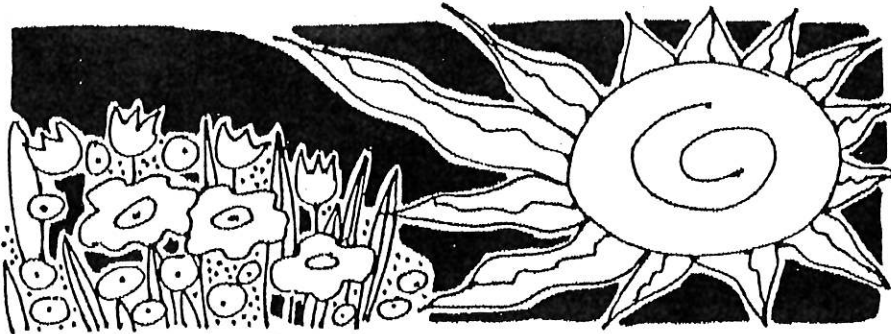


Easter



Easter

3rd Sunday of Easter

THERE IS FORGIVENESS OF SINS FOR ALL WHO TURN TO ME

LUKE 24:47



Sermon: "Open Tomb, Open Minds, Open Heaven" Luke 24:36-49

Saturday, April 13 & Sunday, April 14, 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.

Pastor Eric Wood

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Immanuel Web Site: immanuelokawville.org

Saturday: 16 Communed: 12 Sunday: 68 Communed: 60

Sunday School: 12 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 – Bill Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Roy Frederking, 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: Taylor Haacke, former ILS student; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck
- 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

831 "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard (Sunday)

Stand

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L 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."



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



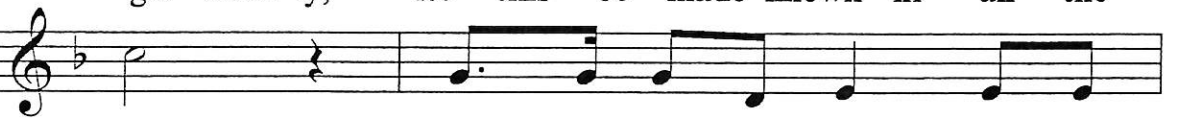
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



Refrain

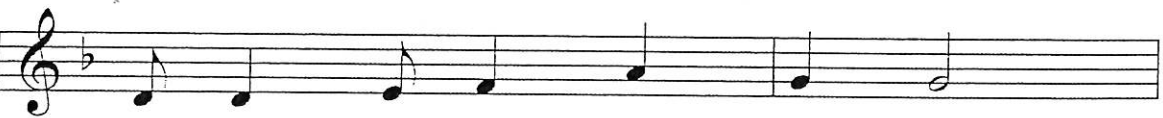
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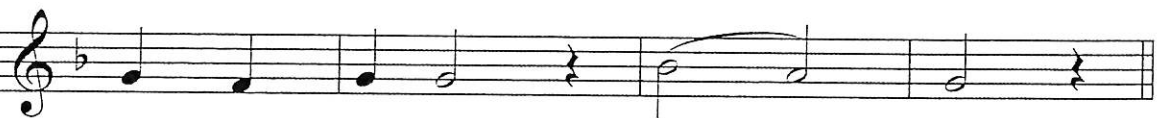
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and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



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 4 (spoken in unison from hymnal on Saturday)

Psalm 4

Richard Leach

Amanda Husberg

Choir and Congregation:

Refrain



You make me safe and keep me safe—You and You alone, O Lord.

Choir:

- 1 You give justice, Holy One. Answer me when I call out!
Hear my prayer and give me room now as You have done before.
- 2 I hear people telling lies, lying to dishonor me.
Oh, how long will they go on, chasing folly, trusting lies? *Refrain*
- 3 People, I belong to God! He will hear me when I call.
Tremble, people, do not sin. Think it through at night— be still.
- 4 Make the proper sacrifice. Trust the Lord, O trust the Lord.
People say, “Who does us good? We want God to smile on us.” *Refrain*
- 5 This is what You do for me: I am happier than they
when their barns are full of grain, when their cups are full of wine.
- 6 When I lie down I have peace. I can go to sleep in peace.
You and You alone, O Lord, make me safe and keep me safe. *Refrain*

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¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** 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.
- C** 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.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Catechism Review (Sacrament of the Altar 1-2)

LSB P.326

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

Sermon "Open Tomb, Open Minds, Open Heaven"

Luke 24:36-49

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- G** 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:
- G** 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:
- G** 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:
- G** 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** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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)

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

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.**

825 Rise, Shine, You People (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

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| Pastor | Eric Wood |
| Pianist (Saturday) | Nora Wood |
| Organist (Sunday) | Sharon Krueger |
| Acolytes (Saturday) | Rex Obermeier |
| (Sunday) | Michael McCarthy |
| Readers (Saturday) | Jackie Bening |
| (Sunday) | Angie Kampwerth |

Birthdays: 15th, Amy Bergmann, Justin Borrenpohl, Chloe Kraus, John Krueger, 16th Jody Eggemann, Madison Frerker, Caleb Unverfehrt, 17th Brittany Hasheider, 19th Jared Borrenpohl

April Ushers – Saturday – Jason Obermeier; Sunday – John and Steve Elliott
Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

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

Men's Club meeting on Monday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Community Bible Class at the Original Springs on Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Congregational Fund meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.

LWML April meeting will be held in the church basement on Thursday, April 18 at 7pm. Pat Quinlan will have the opening devotion, and Adeline Blumhorst will lead the study, "Take My Life", a study on the hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be". This can be found on page 17 of the spring issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine. All women are welcome to join us!

Immanuel "Favorite Hymn of the Month" Ballot: see insert for details

LWML is doing a collection during April for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. We are collecting canned goods of any type, as well as men's toiletries and baby items (diapers, wipes, etc). For a full list of needed items, please see the April newsletter. A bin is in the narthex for donations. All congregation members are invited to help us with this project. Thank you for your assistance!

Stewardship Worship 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. Please RSVP to Pastor Wood by April 26th.

Organ Anniversary Celebration will be on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26th. see insert for details.

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

Chapel service at 12:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17th - Pastor Wood

Board of Parochial Ed meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

No School on Friday, April 19th; ILS Staff Development

Field Trip Friday, April 12th K-4 went to Cedarhurst to see the play Cows Don't Fly. They also went to the park for lunch and play time.

Trivia Night Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, April 19th.

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.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

Life Quotes "So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUE Lutheran Worship from a Lutheran church; 9:00 a.m. 104.7 FM Rev. Mueller, New Minden Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. TV Station “TCT” “Lutheran Worship.” These are not a replacement for being in church and Bible class. These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Hymn Festival will be held at Zion Lutheran Church Sunday, April 14th, 2024 commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnal.

Concordia The Reformer Seminary Mission Event will be held at Zion Lutheran Church Wednesday, April 17th, 2024. See insert for details.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7 were not counted. Expenses for the week \$27,746.83(\$20,000.00 loan payoff included).

Loan balance is paid in full.

Update to Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$104.00 and Immanuel Lutheran School received \$367.00. 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 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. For the last 6 months of 2023, Immanuel received \$86 for the Sunday Bulletin Rebate from Bunkers Restaurant. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course

Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville
Grades 5-8 Class Trip Fundraiser

TRIVIA NIGHT



Friday
April 19

ST. SALVATOR CHURCH HALL
179 W CHURCH ST VENEDY, IL

TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM - DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

\$80 PER TABLE ~ 8 PLAYERS MAX PER TEAM

ATTENDANCE PRIZES | 50/50 RAFFLE | HEADS OR TAILS

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS & DRINKS

SODA & WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE &/OR FOR MORE INFO:

Kelli Borrenpohl (618)977-2451 -or- Joe Kirby (618)304-4579

Inviting all Congregations of the Southern Illinois District

- Concordia The Reformer Seminary Mission Event
- Wednesday, April 17, 2024
- 6:30 p.m. with refreshments following
- At Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway St.,
Mascoutah, IL
- Speaker – Erin MacKenzie, Volunteer Coordinator,
Latin America & the Caribbean

The Southern Illinois District voted to work in partnership with Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic to support with our prayers and financial gifts the work that is being carried out in the Dominican and throughout Latin America.

Through this Seminary God is preparing pastors and deaconesses to serve in congregations throughout Latin America, Lutheran churches are being planted, workshops are training hundreds of men and women throughout the region, Spanish language resources are being prepared and sent to congregations. As Philip said, "Come and see," God is working in this place, preparing leaders and inviting us to encourage and support this work.

We invite all District congregations to attend the event and we encourage your congregation, as in 2 Corinthians 9:5, to "arrange in advance for (a) gift" to be brought as an offering for this work that evening.

In Christ,

SID Dominican Mission Task Force

Immanuel "Favorite Hymn of the Month" Ballot

On the 4th Sunday of April (and the Saturday before it), we will sing the "favorite seasonal hymn of the month," as chosen by congregational vote on the first three Sundays (and associated Saturdays). This hymn replaces offering music.

Voting procedure:

Choose one hymn from any of the following sections of LSB:

Easter 457-490

Church Triumphant 670-680

Mission and Witness 823-840

Write hymn number and / or title below.

Hand your ballot to an usher.

One vote per person attending per week!

May: no voting since 4th Sunday is ILC Organ 50th Anniversary

June: no voting since 4th Sunday is VBS closing service

Voting for favorite hymn of the month resumes July-October.

Organ Anniversary Celebration

Immanuel's pipe organ turns fifty this year! Since its dedication back on Holy Trinity Sunday, June 9, 1974, it has accompanied congregational singing of hymns and liturgies, choir anthems and solos, and school chapel services; provided beautiful music to suit all church year seasons, weddings, funerals, and graduation ceremonies, and an occasional concert or recital; and felt the touch of many fingers and feet of beginners and veterans who sat on the bench (which unlike in many sports is where all the action happens!).

In thanksgiving to God for this musical instrument and the many ways it has served to bring his Word into the lives countless people who have come and gone at Immanuel for half a century, we will recognize this milestone on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024. Pastor Art Eichhorn will be our guest organist. This year also marks the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal and the 300th anniversary of Bach's *St. John Passion* – both major developments in church music. The Holy Trinity Sunday service will sample from the past five centuries of Christian hymnody at approximately fifty-year intervals. We'll sing some hymns, but we'll also listen to hymn texts being quoted and hymn tunes being played.