

The Resurrection of our Lord



HE ISN'T HERE
HE HAS COME BACK TO LIFE

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Sermon: "Of First Importance" 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sunday, March 31, 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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Saturday: 16 Communed: 12 Sunday: 156 Communed: 92

Sunday School: 18 Bible Class: Not Held

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, Mike Strasburg, Nancy Weeke
 - At Freeburg Care Center - Loraine Schneider
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Bernice Hemminghaus
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
 - At Friendship Manor in Nashville – Lois Rabenort
- Mary Wilhelm, sister of Gene Rennegarbe has returned home after surgery.
- 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

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY Order of Service – Divine Service Setting One

Stand

Processional Hymn 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Confession and Absolution

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

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

G Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G 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.

G 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.

P 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 ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Stand

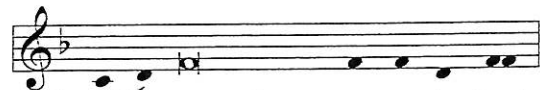
Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.
The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become my sal- | vation.
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.
You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed,*
you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.
You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,*
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

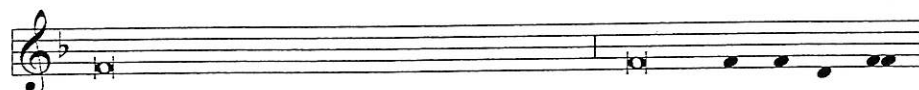
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




G Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



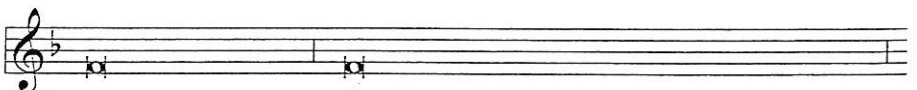
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



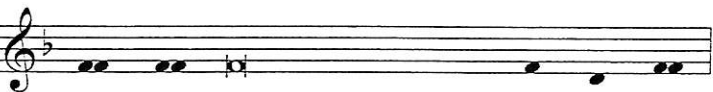
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

"The Son of God Has Conquered Night" (Sung by Choir) (10 AM)

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

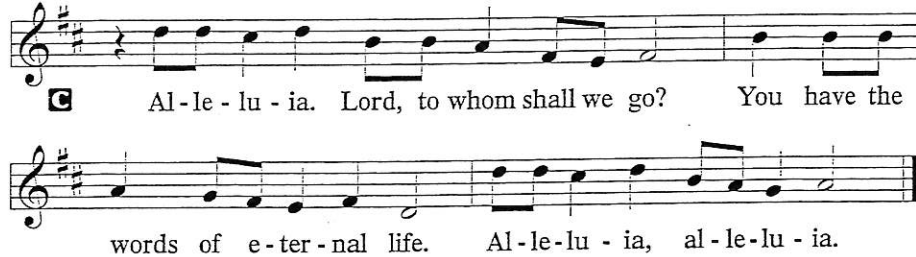
¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

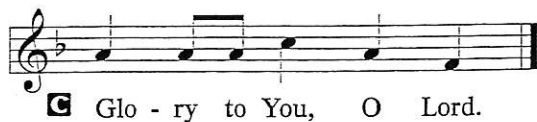


E Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

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



E Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And

entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



E Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Sermon "Of First Importance"

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Stand

Nicene Creed

E 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

"This is the Day" and "If You're Happy" (Sung by Sunday School Students) (10 AM)

Stand

Service of the Sacrament


Preface




P The Lord be with you.



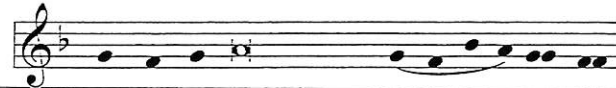
G And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.




P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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:


Sanctus



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 ✠ 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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:

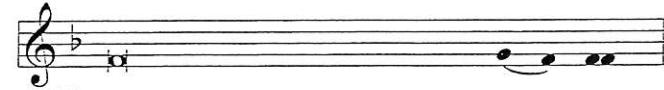
Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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:

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.

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

818 In Thee Is Gladness

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

Amen.

Thank the Lord

G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

G A - men.

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.

G A - men.

Recessional Hymn 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Preacher
Organist
Trumpet (10:00 a.m.)
Acolytes (7:00 a.m.)
(10:00 a.m.)
Crucifers (7:00 a.m.)
(10:00 a.m.)
Readers (7:00 a.m.)
(10:00 a.m.)

Rev. Eric Wood
Sharon Krueger
Elizabeth Guest
Lily Gass
Olivia Bergmann
Dylan Seaton
Tyler Storck
Donna Davis

Communion Assistants (7:00 a.m.)
(10:00 a.m.)

Dennis Pruehsner
Jonathan Schneider, Mike Jacobs

Birthdays: 31st Dannon Harre, 4th Darrel Eggemann Jr, 5th Donna Kraus

March Ushers – Saturday – Sunday – Gary Steuter

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Community Bible Class at the Original Springs on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

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

Elders Meeting Monday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Secret Angels 2023-2024

Thank you to the following individuals for being the secret angel to our 2024 ILS confirmation class.

Nolan Langenfeld - Julie Borrenpohl

Michael McCarthy - Marian Niedens

Rex Obermeier - Dixon Harre

Dylan Seaton - Chris Bening

Tyler Storck - Donna Davis

Save The Date! 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.

Save The Date Church pictorial directory pictures will be on August 22-24, 2024

Seeking Church Custodian Our current church custodian, Sharon Storck, has decided at the end of May she will conclude her years doing those duties. If you are interested in this part time paid position, please contact an elder.

SCHOOL NEWS

School resumes on Tuesday, April 2nd after the Easter break.

Chapel service at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3rd - Pastor Wood

Track Season: Students began practicing for upcoming meets in April.

Hog Raffle is under way! If you would like to buy a ticket to win a pork bundle or need more information, please ask a 5th-8th grade student or teacher.

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 The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)!

Life Quotes “The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Stewardship John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

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 Wednesday, March 13, Saturday, March 16, Sunday March 17, Wednesday, March 20, Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24 were as follows: Current 1,671.62, Home Use \$3630.00, Loose \$146.00, Palm Sunday \$324.00, Lent \$195.00 Expenses for the week \$48,408.55

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.

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

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