

Sermon: "Trinitarian Togetherness" Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31, 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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Bible Class: No Count

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 –Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Mike Strasburg, Nancy Weeke
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members: Lisa Arbogast-Eilers, an ILS graduate; Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; 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

THE HOLY TRINITY

Order of Service - Divine Service Setting Three

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (Sunday)

Stand

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.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the

command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*

or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

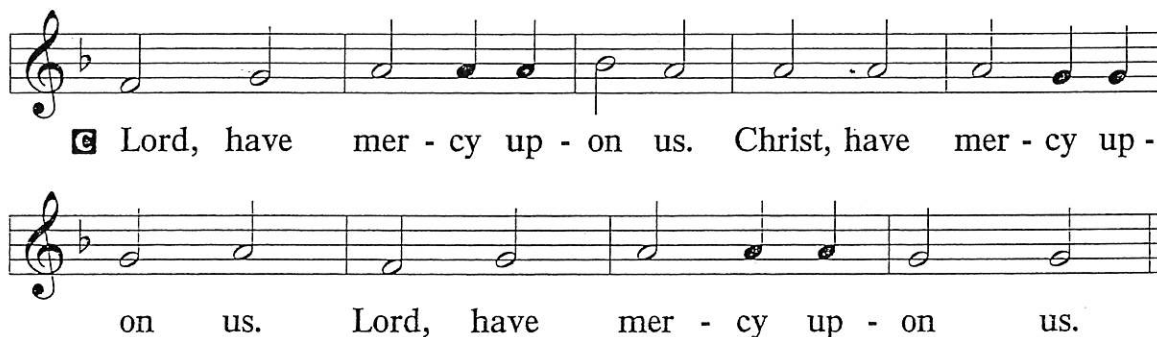


C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

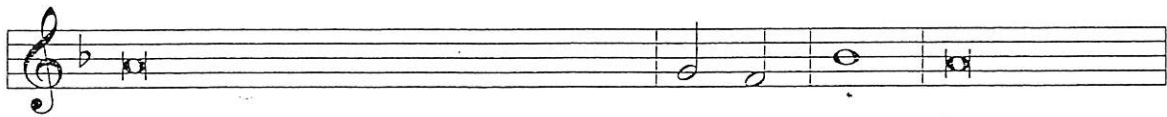


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



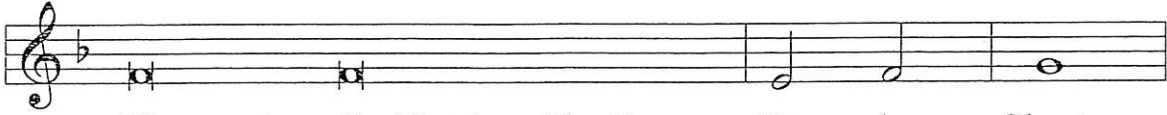
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

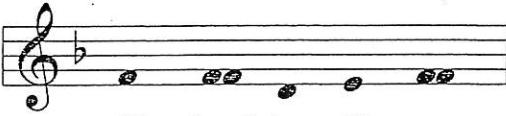


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
 Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia




C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Sit

504 Father Most Holy

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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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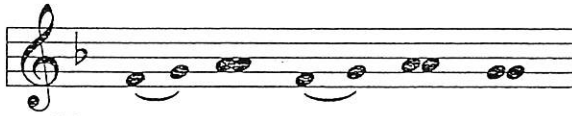
Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



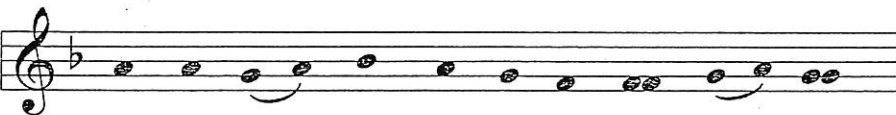
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. · Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



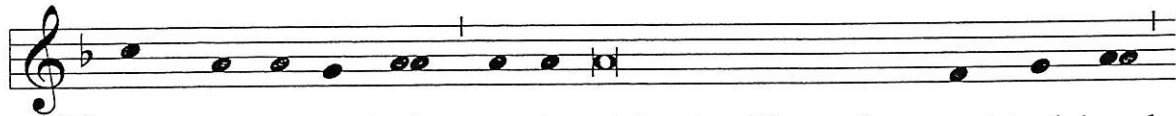
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

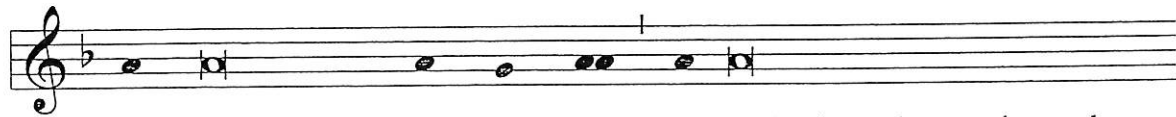
C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

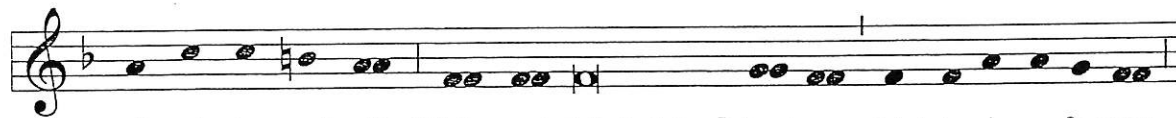
The Words of Our Lord



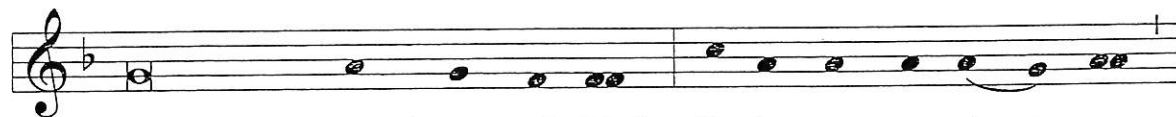
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



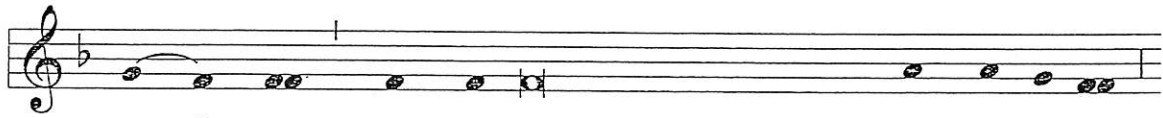
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



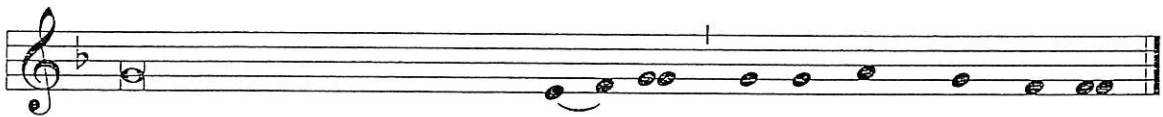
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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.

505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay (“Triune God” stanza only)

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

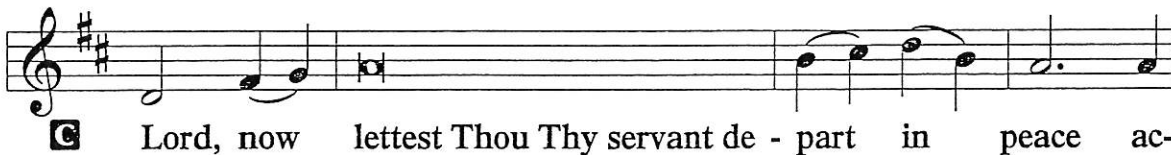
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

G Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

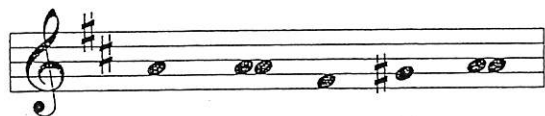
A Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

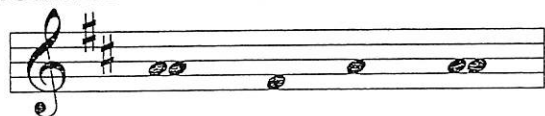


P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

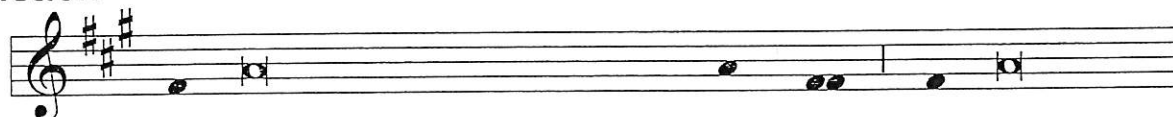


A Bless we the Lord.

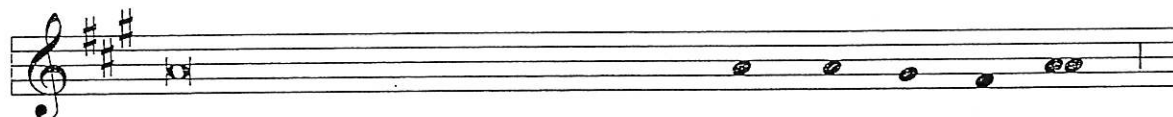


C Thanks be to God.

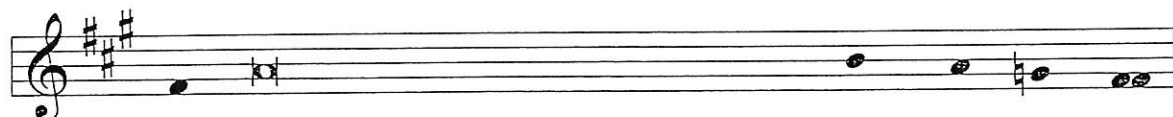
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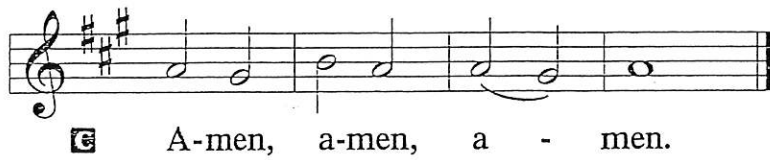
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised (Sunday)

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Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. beginning June 7th.

Bible Class at 10:00 a.m. Topic is “Chosen by God: Why Did God Choose Me?” beginning June 7th.

A special voters’ meeting is scheduled Sunday after worship concerning the hiring of a 4th/5th grade teacher.

Summer Church and School Office hours – The office will be open June 1st – July 31st from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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

Vacation Bible School is June 15th – June 19th. The theme is “Tropical Trek – Jesus Comes to Seek and Save!” If you would like to register your child, please contact Krissy Schneider, Amber Jacobs, or Kristal Jacobs. If you'd like to donate items for VBS, there is an Amazon Wish List which can be found at the following URL or by clicking on the link from our Immanuel Sunday School Facebook page:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1MSFVIAC9K4QW?ref=wl_share

Additional items needed that are not on the list include: 3 bags of mini marshmallows, Apple & Eve 100% juice boxes, 3 large bags of Boom Chicka Pop popcorn, 2 - 12 packs of ski, 4 packages of baby wipes, and 2 Clorox wipes. If you are able to donate one of these items, please contact Krissy, Amber, or Kristal so we do not have excess of these items. We are also collecting toilet paper rolls for a craft. Thank you!

The Alumni & Friends Association Board has decided to host the yard sale again in June. We had planned to stop, however, there were so many requests to continue, we are going forward with the project again this year. This will be decided on a year-to-year basis and will depend on the level of volunteer help that is received. Donations will be accepted until June 9th on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or by calling Connie Murphy 618-322-7998. This project benefits in so many ways. Please consider sharing some of your time for set up or sale hours.

SALE DATES

Thursday, June 4 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 5 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 12 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS

Now Enrolling Preschool through 8th Grade Students for 2026/2027 School Year at Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville.

If you know of anyone wanting to enroll their child in school to provide them with a Christian education, please share this information with them. Please call the school office at 618-6142 to set up an appointment to enroll.

Waxing of the school floors has been scheduled for June 27th and July 11th. We need help on June 21st after worship to move things from one side of the school to the other to prepare for the first waxing. June 28th we will need to then move it back to clear out the other side for the final rooms to be waxed. Once that is completed, we will then need to move it all back for that last time on July 12th. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide on these days.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Heritage Days Festival -The 43rd annual Heritage Days is scheduled for June 13 and 14. This wonderful family event is held at the Heritage House Museum and is located behind the Schlosser Complex. There is no admission fee.

Activities include a farmer's market, country store, games for the kids, a corn box, turtle races at 2:00 P.M., vendors and crafters, live entertainment and a soda tasting that includes ice cream floats. At 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, the "Action Auction" begins. Lots of great stuff to bid on including parties and unique items of all kinds.

"Come for the food"! Heritage Days offers a diverse menu different from any other festival or picnic. Menu items include Smoked brisket sandwich on a hoagie style roll, smoked chicken and home smoked pulled pork. There are also hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sizzle burgers, brats and hot dogs and homemade chicken salad on a croissant. Something new is a hand breaded and pan fried Schnitzle sandwich on a bun or Schnitzle served with spaetzle (German dumplings) and gravy. On Sunday, smoked gazed pork chops are featured. Sides include - German potato salad, buttered noodles with breadcrumbs, German style potato pancakes, seasoned green beans, corn on the cob, sauerkraut and applesauce. There will also be plenty of homemade pie, cake, desserts and beverages.

Also featured this same weekend is the annual townwide yard sales. They begin on Friday and go through Saturday. Some locations are already open on Thursday, June 11. Call Connie at 618-322-7998 for information about the yard sales. Maps will be provided with locations of yard sales. The food stand will be open, featuring a luncheon menu, on Friday, June 12, beginning at 11:00 a.m. till 4:30 in the afternoon. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The lunch menu will be available beginning at 10:30 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Call Jackie at 618-541-7708 for more information regarding any of these activities.

All proceeds benefit the Heritage House Museum Association.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: "O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1). The Triune God who made heaven and earth and all things, and who breathed into Adam the breath of life (Genesis 1), is the same God into whose name we are baptized—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20). This Jesus, who was crucified by men, but whom God raised from the dead (Acts 2:23-24), brings hope and courage to those who have lost their way in life. Through the forgiveness of sins in Christ, the past can no longer haunt us, and we are free to live in the light of God's Word. Whether the woman facing an unexpected pregnancy, or the person who has received a terminal medical diagnosis, or the one who feels as though their life no longer has purpose or value, Jesus—the Lord of Life—will not forsake us. The promise of Christ stands: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Life Quotes: "If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word 'abortion' and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God's family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Thursday, May 14, Saturday, May 16. Sunday, May 17, Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24 were as follows: Current \$990.00, Home Use \$4,570.00, Loose \$89.00, and Ascension \$80.00.

Expenses for the week: \$35,830.62

Thrivent Choice: Immanuel Lutheran School received \$174.00 from “Thrivent Choice Dollars” designations in May. 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.