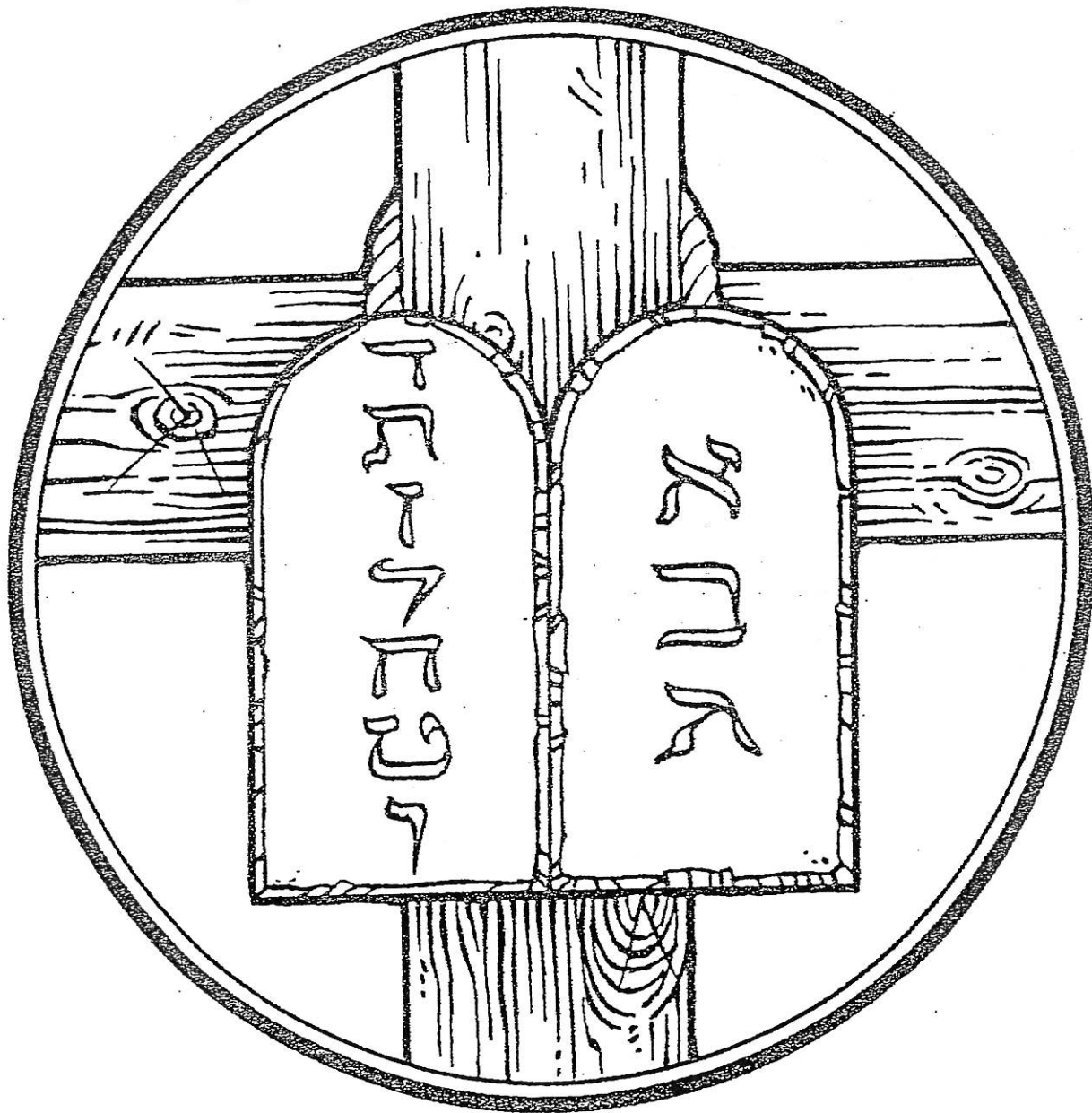




Sermon: "The Word is at Work" 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25, 2026
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
Okawville, Illinois 62271
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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: 32 Communed: 20 Sunday: 70 Communed: 61

Bible Class: 12 Sunday School: 3

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 – Carol Brockmann, Norbert Hasheider, Paul Lange, Deb Maschhoff, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Mike Strasburg

At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus

At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann

Non-members: Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck; Mark Loder, brother-in-law of Pastor Wood

- 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, vicar in Long Beach, CA
- 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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

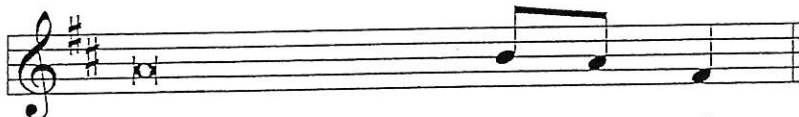
Order of Service - Matins

589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens (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. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

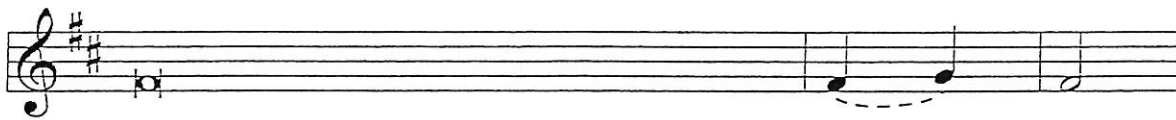


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

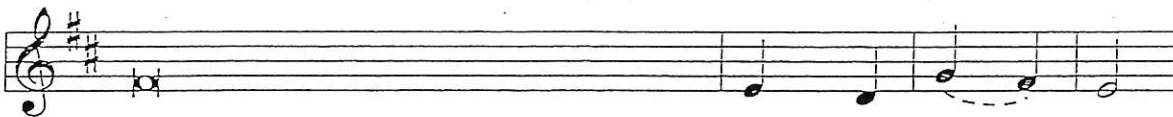


C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

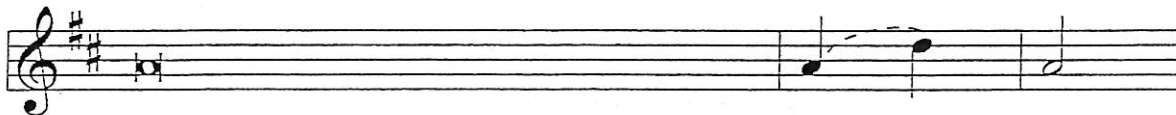
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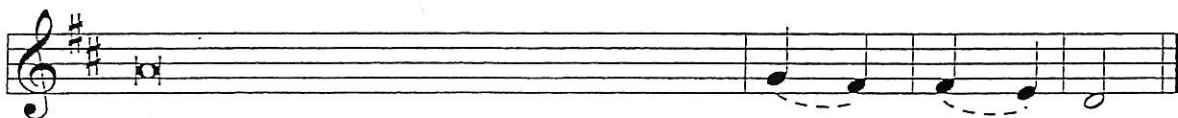
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



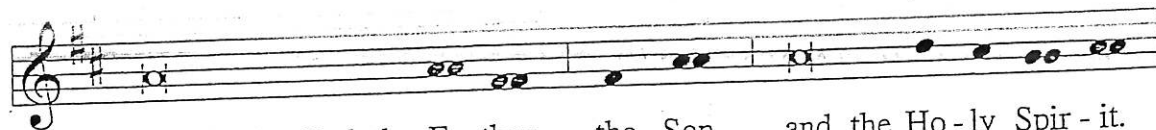
- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



- 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.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 1a

Psalm (in unison)

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not | wither.*
In all that he does, he | prospers.

⁴The wicked | are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

E Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

E Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is

the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

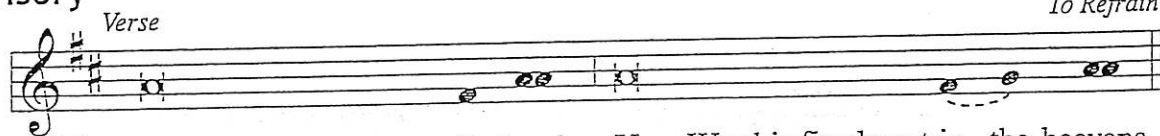
⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet?"

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Responsory



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



G Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sermon "The Word is at Work"

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Canticle

Stand

Te Deum

- G** 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;

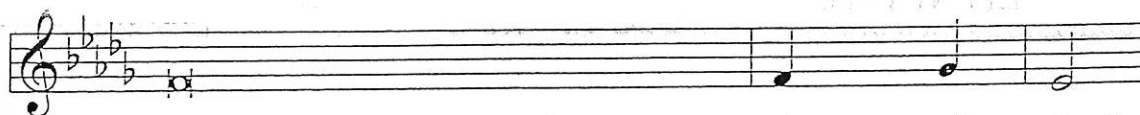
The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The final measure contains a whole note G4.

- 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.

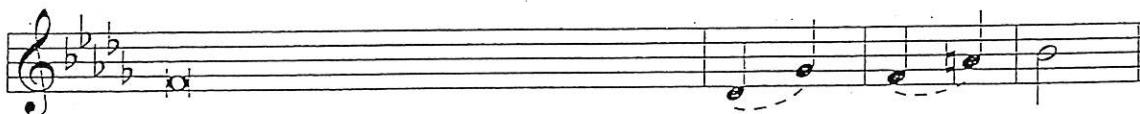
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It begins with a whole rest on the second line (F4). This is followed by a half note on the first space (D4), a quarter note on the second space (F4), and a quarter note on the second line (D4). The staff concludes with a whole note on the first space (D4).

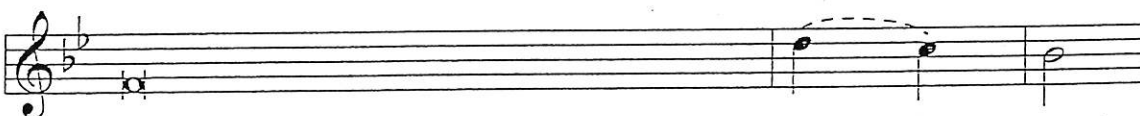
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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



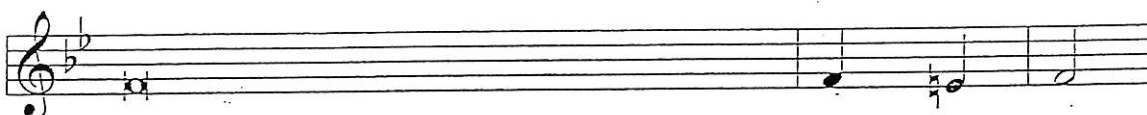
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be — our — judge.



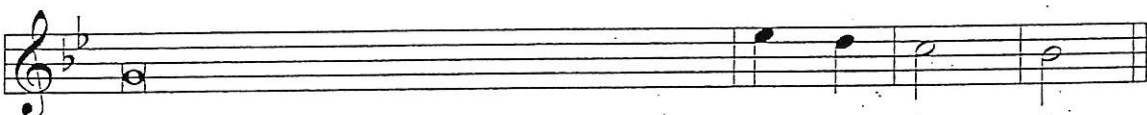
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out — sin.



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.

Sit

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 God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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)

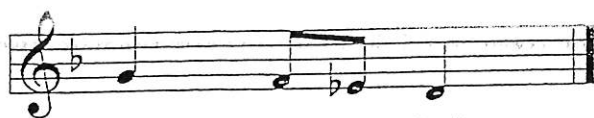
L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, 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

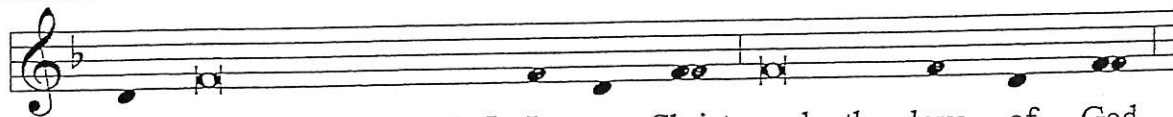
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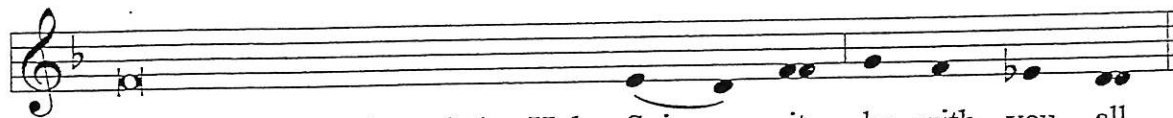


C Thanks be to God.

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.

585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide (Sunday)

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Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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October Ushers – Saturday –
Sunday – John Krueger

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. studying the Apocrypha

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Chapel at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor d'Entremont

Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting is Sunday, October 25th after 10:00 a.m. service

November newsletter information is needed in the church office by this Wednesday.

LWML is working on updating Immanuel's prayer circle. This is a group of women who pray for needs of our congregation members. If you are not in the circle but would like to be, or if you are in the circle and would like to be removed, please contact Emily Wood at church or at 618-713-0953. This is not limited just to LWML members, anyone can join the prayer circle!

The Finance Committee will begin working on next year's offering envelopes. Please let Malinda know if you need or want a new box. The boxes will be the same as this year. We do have some members now using EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) for their contributions. Please contact Malinda at 618-713-5008.

16th Annual Music Festival is on Sunday, November 1st at 2:30 p.m. Please join us for an enjoyable program at church, with a wide variety of sounds and styles planned. You will hear singing, organ, piano, cello, flutes, various brass instruments, and more singing, by musicians of a range of ages and abilities. Most (but not all) of the music is "church music." An offering will be gathered to support Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music, based in New Minden.

SCHOOL NEWS

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 26th - 30th

Blood Drive Nov. 9th at ILS 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Veteran's Day Glow Run Nov. 10th Registration at 6:30 p.m. and Race begins at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Chili – Chicken Soup Supper by Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Club is Wednesday, October 28th at Trinity – St. John Lutheran School Gym. Serving will be 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. A donation of \$10.00 for adults and all carry outs and \$5.00 for children (10 & under) dine in only. The meal will include chili or chicken soup, dessert, and drink. Tickets are available in the church office or at the door. Containers will be provided for carry outs.

Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy

Patriots Pen is open to 6th – 8th grade students and Voice of Democracy is open to 9th – 12th grade high school students. This year's topic is "What a Veteran Taught Me about America". All submissions are due to the Okawville VFW Post by October 31st. You can find more information by visiting the websites vfw.org or vfwil.org. You can also call Steve Elliott at 618-830-6774 for details.

68th Annual Wurstmarkt at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin, IL is Sunday, November 1st. Serving is 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. via curbside pick-up. Carry out dinners are \$15.00 and will include sausage, kraut, green beans, applesauce, cake and real mashed potatoes.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

Our freedom from slavery to sin comes through the Son of God being nailed to a tree (John 8). The righteousness of God has come to us by faith. This sets us free from sin and also sets us free to love God and love our neighbors. The life we have from God, we live for the benefit of others (Romans 3). In so doing, we give glory to God for all that He has done for us (Revelation 14).

Life Quotes:

"Today God continues to defend and aid His people, those who trust in His Son as their Savior. God is ever with us. He preserves His Word and Church despite the constant attack of the devil, the unbelieving world, and false teachers. God provides for all our needs of body and soul, even in times of great need and conflict. God is our refuge. His Word endures forever. His grace and power never fail." From "Meditations on Favorite Scriptures: Devotions for a Year" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship:

John 8:36 — "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays — 7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: \$11,293.46

Borrowed: \$10,000.00 on 06/30/26; \$6,000.00 on 07/08/26; \$12,000.00 on 09/14/26; \$17,000.00 on 10/14/26

Thrivent Choice: 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 it to Immanuel 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.

Kroger, Casey's and Box Tops will give cash back bonuses to our school. Check them out online or in store for more information.

Reminder: Bunker's Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. Thank you for your support!