



Sermon: "Write What You See" Revelation 1:4-18
Saturday April 26th and Sunday, April 27, 2025
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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Maundy Thursday: 38 Communed: 36 Good Friday: 51 Easter Sunday: 191 Communed: 128

Bible Class: not held Sunday School: 16

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!

- All members of Immanuel including:
 - At home – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Linda Frederking, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard & Bernice Hemminghaus
 - At Washington County Hospital – Janet Lange
 - At Breese Nursing Home – Lois Rabenort
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; 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
- 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 smalltown 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King (stanzas 1-7) (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

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
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

Psalms 148 (in unison)

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the | heavens;*

praise him | in the heights!

²Praise him, all his | angels;*

praise him, | all his hosts!

³Praise him, | sun and moon,*
 praise him, all you | shining stars!
⁴Praise him, you highest | heavens,*
 and you waters above the | heavens!
⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD! *
 For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.
⁶And he established them forever and | ever; *
 he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth, *
 you great sea creatures and | all deeps,
⁸fire and hail, | snow and mist, *
 stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!
⁹Mountains and | all hills, *
 fruit trees and all | cedars!
¹⁰Beasts and all | livestock, *
 creeping things and | flying birds!
¹¹Kings of the earth and all | peoples, *
 princes and all rulers | of the earth!
¹²Young men and maidens to- | gether, *
 old men and | children!
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 for his name alone is ex- | alted; *
 his majesty is above earth and | heaven.
¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for | all his saints, *
 for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

First Reading

Acts 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and

brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

484 Make Songs of Joy

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] Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Evening Prayer (Saturday)

[C] 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.

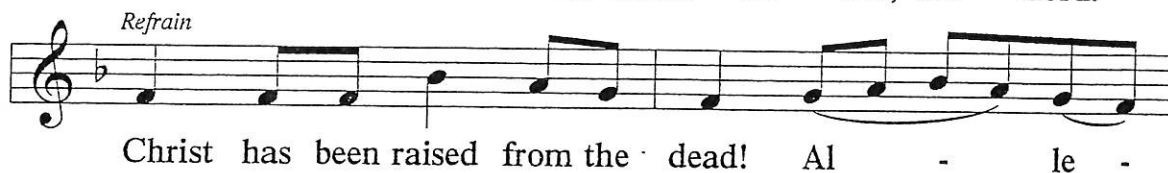
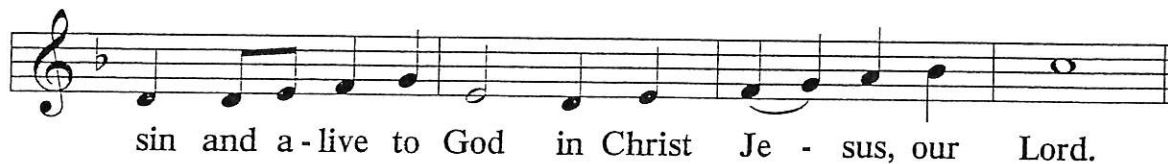
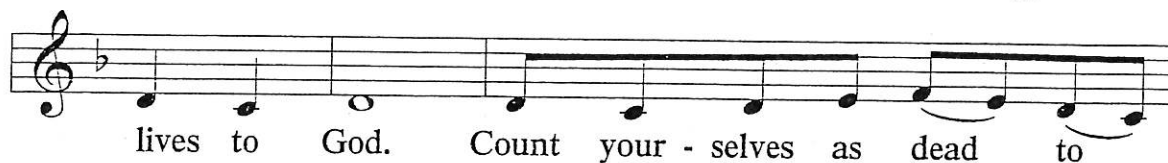
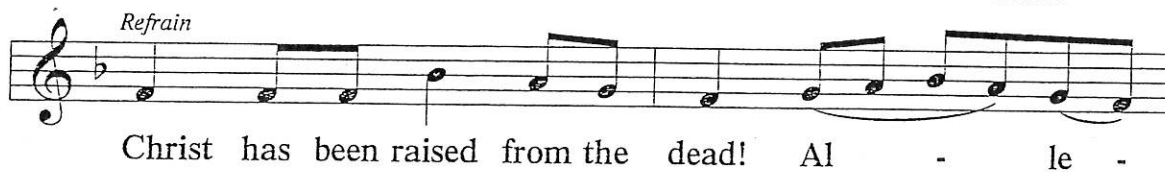
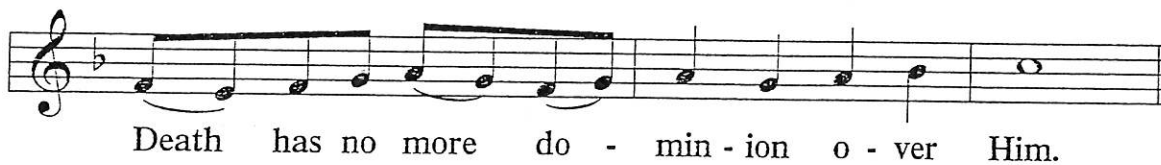
Morning Prayer (Sunday)

[C] 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



[C] Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



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.

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King (stanzas 8-9) (Sunday)

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Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book

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(Sunday)

Carolyn Rennegarbe

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April Ushers – Saturday – Chris Rennegarbe

Sunday – John Elliott and Steve Elliott

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Chapel Service this Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. with Pastor Wood

A special Thank You to the 2025 Secret Angels that have volunteered to sponsor our confirmands. The confirmands and secret angels for this year are: Olivia Bergmann (Cindy Kuhlengel), Emmerson Hasheider (Larry Hasheider), Landan Kraus (Katie Kramper), Matthew Lautenschlaeger (Jonathan & Krissy Schneider), Michael Lautenschlaeger (Jonathan & Krissy Schneider), and Kooper Suedmeyer (Deb Guest and Lisa Teter).

Easter lilies can be picked up anytime, please sign the sheet on the altar when you do so.

Helping People Hear in Church

If anyone in the congregation has some experience with sound systems/audio tech support or would like to learn, please contact an elder or Pastor Wood.

Extra copies of the April newsletter are available on the table in the narthex. Annual report copies are available on the brochure rack. Please feel free to take one of these items for yourself or someone else.

SCHOOL NEWS

April 29th 1st – 4th will be attending a Grizzlies baseball game.

April 29th – May 1st Camp Wartburg stay for 5th and 6th grade students.

Immanuel Wee Care is looking for a custodian for a couple hours each day after 5:30 p.m. If you are interested or would like additional information, please call Cheri Kurtz at 618-243-6161

ILS Scholarship Fund: The Board of Parochial Education would like to start another scholarship fund. This fund is not intended to replace SAFE funds; the SAFE fund program is still essential to providing tuition assistance for families in hardship or need, so funding will still always be needed for the SAFE program. The new scholarship fund is intended for all first year, 1st grade through 8th grade students to apply for. In the future we plan to expand the scholarships to more than first year students. If an individual, organization or committee would like to donate to this fund, please enclose cash or check in an envelope with "scholarship fund" written on the envelope and "scholarship fund" on the memo line of the check. You may place it in the offering plate (Immanuel), mail to the school office or hand deliver to the school office. Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY NOTES

Heritage House sponsored carry-out-dinner - The Heritage House Museum Association is sponsoring a carry-out-dinner for Sunday, May 4, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and serving till 1:00 p.m. Carry-outs can be picked up at the food stand building behind the Schlosser Complex property along West St. Louis Street.

The menu will include roast beef, roast pork, or beef and noodles with applesauce and 2 sides – homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned green beans, candied carrots, and buttered corn. A dinner that includes an entrée, applesauce, and 2 sides is \$14.00. Additional beef and noodles are available for \$10.00 a quart. Extra sides are also available for \$2.00 per serving. We will also have a great selection of homemade pie, cake and various desserts for \$3.50.

“All food is homemade”. Proceeds will benefit the Museum Association and help pay for maintenance and the perseverance of the museum properties that are major attractions for the town of Okawville. For more information, call Jackie at 618-541-7708. (Leave a message with a phone number.)

Christ Our Rock has full or part-time staffing needs in Drivers Education, Computer Applications, Physical Education, and Spanish for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, dduensing@corlhs.org.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: “An angel of the Lord...brought them out and said, ‘Go...and speak to the people all the words of this Life’” (Acts 5:19-20). Life—immediate, abundant, ongoing from fertilization to forever—belongs to the heart of the Gospel and the very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ. And is there any clearer Scriptural invitation for the sanctity of life to occupy all our conversation?

Life Quotes: “Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior’s love in helping others. ‘Carry each other’s burdens’ (Galatians 6:2).” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship: John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Thursday, April 17, Friday, April 18, Sunday, April 20 were as follows:

Current \$240.00, Home Use \$46,402.00, Maundy Thursday \$191.00,
Good Friday \$299.99, and Easter \$23,464.00.

Expenses for the week: \$75,461.81 (includes loan balance payoff)

Loan balance paid in full \$65,000.00

Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$409.80 and Immanuel Lutheran School received \$1,666.00 from “Thrivent Choice Dollars” designations in April. Thank you to everyone who directed their “Thrivent Choice Dollars” to Immanuel. If you have not contacted Thrivent Choice Recently, please call 800-847-4836 to see if Thrivent has money set aside for you to designate to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran School or another designation of your choice. Money is available through the Thrivent Choice Program. This is not a donation coming out of your investment.

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