

2nd Sunday of Easter



Sermon: "Fellowship" 1 John 1:1-2:2
Saturday, April 6 & Sunday, April 7, 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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Holy Thursday: 42 Communed: 37 Good Friday: 51

Easter 7:00 a.m. 27 Communed: 17; 10:00 a.m. 186 Communed: 118

Sunday School: 28 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

- 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Order of Service - Divine Service Setting One

Confession and Absolution

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King (Sunday) (Sing stanzas 1,8, and 9)

Stand

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal-

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works! Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

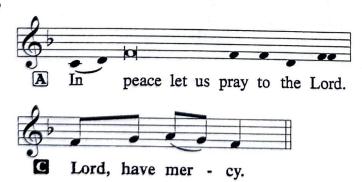
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

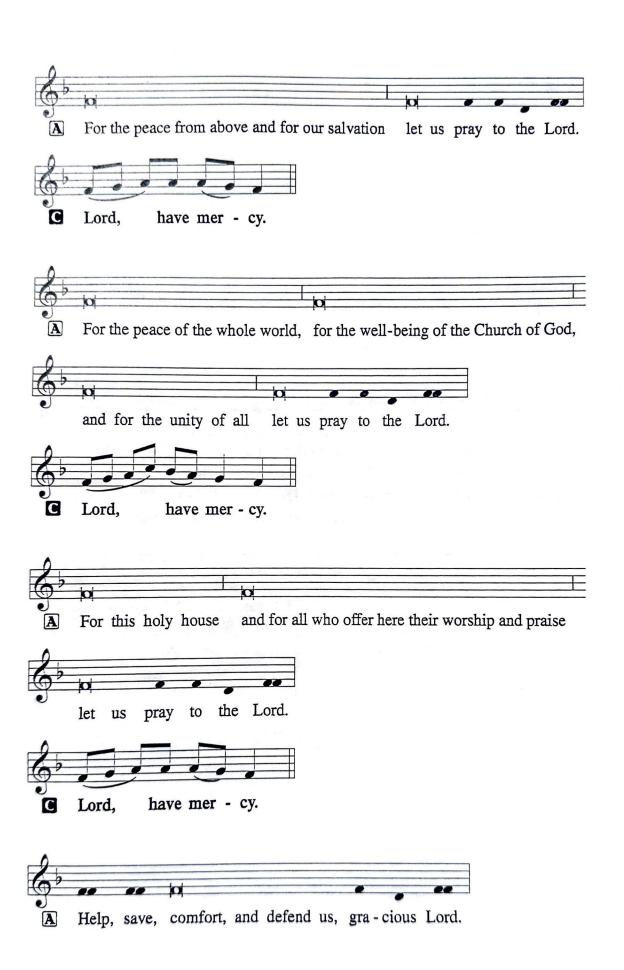
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation-*

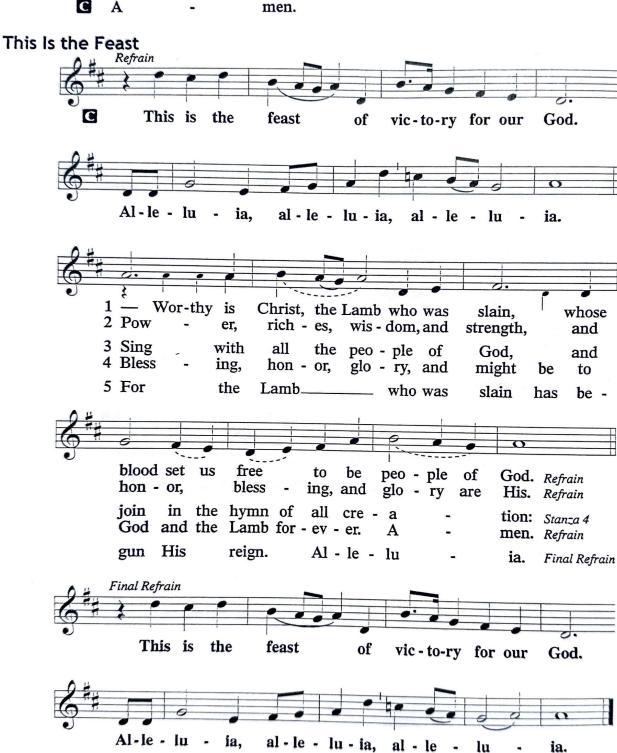
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Kyrie





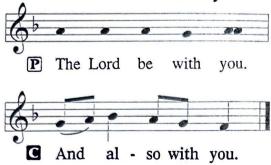




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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

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.



Sit

First Reading Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Gradual

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

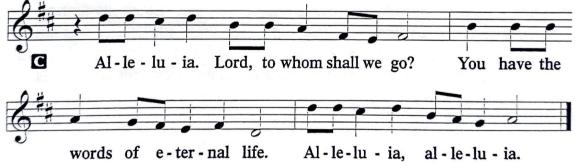
⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Stand

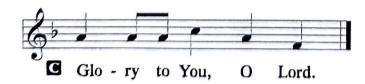
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

948 All Glory Be to God Alone

Sermon "Fellowship"

1 John 1:1-2:2

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

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

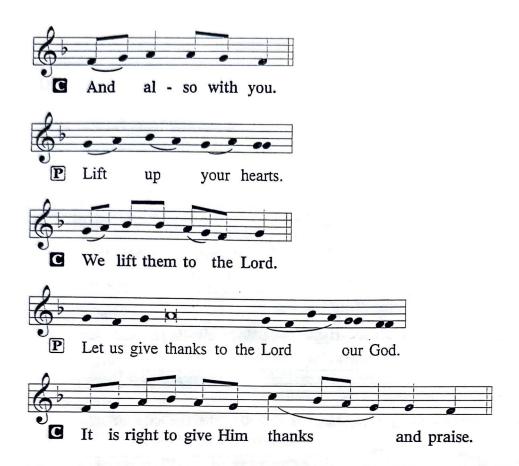
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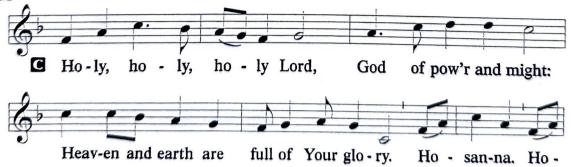
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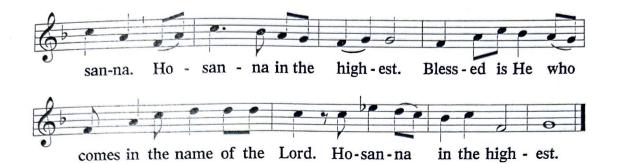
Preface The Lord be with you.



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:







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

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."

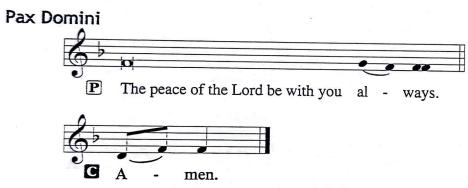
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

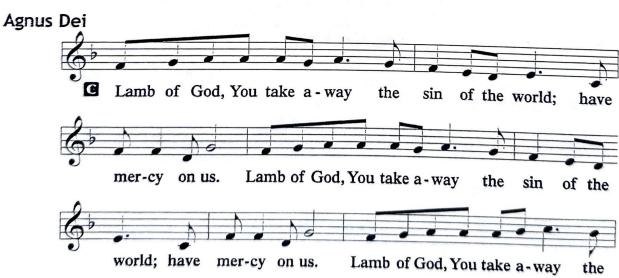
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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

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.







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.

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Thank the Lord



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



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



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



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.



Benediction



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.



917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Preacher

Pianist (Saturday)

Organist (Sunday)

Acolytes (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Communion Assistants (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Rev. Eric Wood

Nora Wood

Sharon Krueger

Landan Kraus

Emmerson Hasheider

Rodney Helbig

Carolyn Rennegarbe

Kent Helbig

Mike Jacobs

Birthdays: 7th Michelle Burianek, 9th Ronda Grewe, Jacksen Harre, Sharon Krueger, 10th Bryce Kolweier, 11th Norbert Hasheider, Harper Price, 12th Garret Borrenpohl

April Ushers – Saturday – Sunday –

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Portals of Prayer will begin a new year. If you would like to be added to the mailing list or would like to be removed from the current list please call the church office by April 10th.

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

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.

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Chapel service at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10th - Pastor Eichhorn Congratulations, ILS 1st-4th graders! Each student added to a book, 'When I Grow Up...' and it has been published!! They celebrated on Wednesday with a book release party. Great Job!

Next PTL Meeting is Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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

You can help the school financially by doing the following: Shop With Raiseright – For complete information visit www.shopwithraiseright.com or contact Deann Muehlhauser at deann85@gmail.com Checks payable to ILS PTL. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756 and Amazon donates to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Okawville. Participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Join Casey's Rewards today and donate to our school. This is for instore, online or at the pump purchases.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

Life Quotes "In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have 'fallen asleep in Him' shall be raised to life eternal." Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources

Stewardship John 20:19 – "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you." The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUO 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 Thursday, March 28, Friday, March 29, and Sunday, March 31 were as follows: Current \$890.00 Home Use \$25.00, Lent \$65.00, Maundy Thursday \$241.00 Good Friday \$160.00, Easter \$64,513.00 Expenses for the week \$1,777.58 Loan balance is \$20,000.00 before Easter offerings.

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 <u>not</u> 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



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