



Sermon: "The Table Inside the Narrow Door" Luke 13:22-30

Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, 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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Saturday: 29 Communed: 22 Sunday: 57 Communed: 48 Bible Class: 5

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!

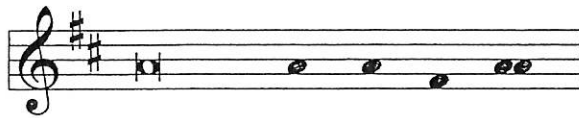
- All members of Immanuel including:
 - At home – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Linda Frederking, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Jewel Martens, Gene Rennegarbe, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Breese Nursing Home – 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

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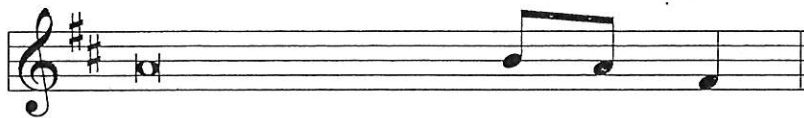
Order of Service - Matins

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (Sunday)

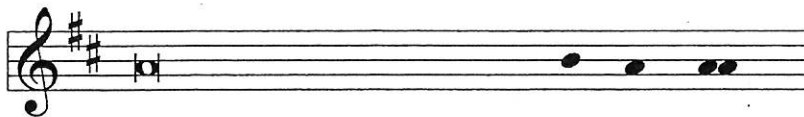
Stand



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

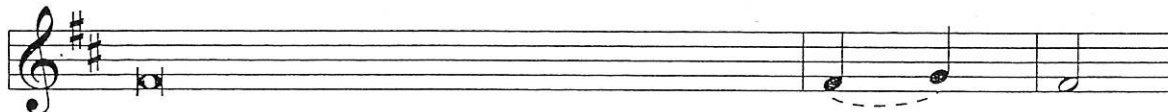


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

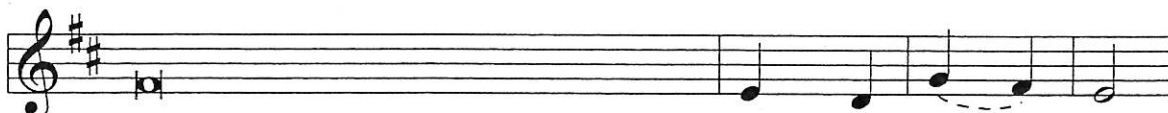


G O come, let us wor-ship Him.

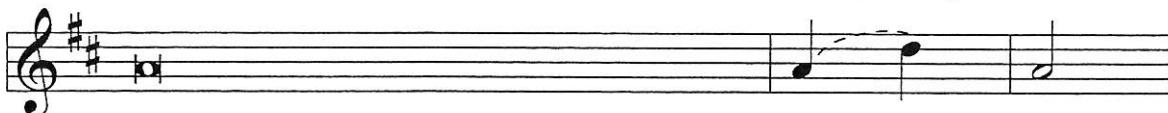
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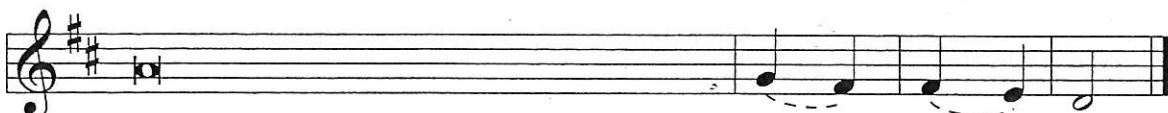
- G** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 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.



G O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm (in unison)

Psalm 50:1–15; antiphon: v. 23

- ¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.
- ²Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,*
God | shines forth.
- ³Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;*
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty | tempest.
- ⁴He calls to the heav- | ens above*
and to the earth, that he may judge his | people:
- ⁵“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”
- ⁶The heavens declare his | righteousness,*
for God him- | self is judge!
- ⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.*
I am | God, your God.
- ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;*
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.
- ⁹I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.
- ¹⁰For every beast of the for- | est is mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.
- ¹¹I know all the birds | of the hills,*
and all that moves in the | field is mine.
- ¹²“If I were hungry, I would not | tell you,*
for the world and its full- | ness are mine.
- ¹³Do I eat the | flesh of bulls*
or drink the | blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,*
and perform your vows to the | Most High,

¹⁵and call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 66:18–23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 12:4–29

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C 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.



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

Sit

ILS students sing "I Was Baptized, Happy Day" (Sunday)

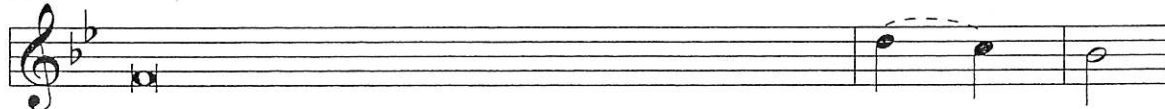
Children's Message (Sunday)

510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

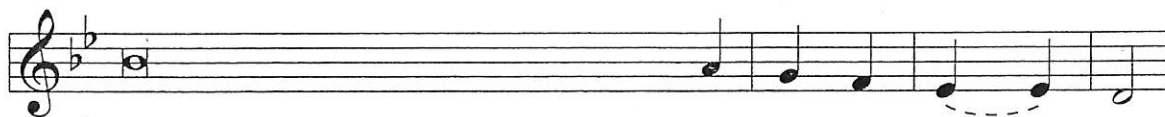
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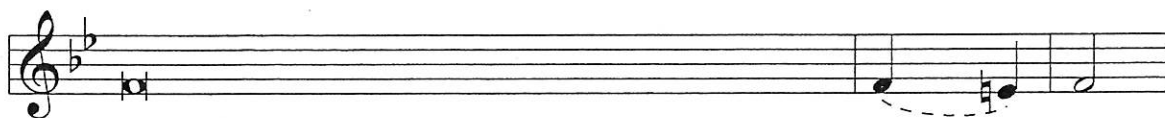
Te Deum



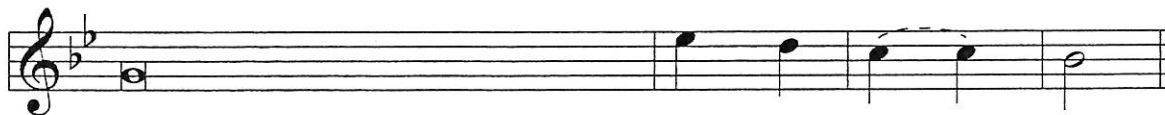
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



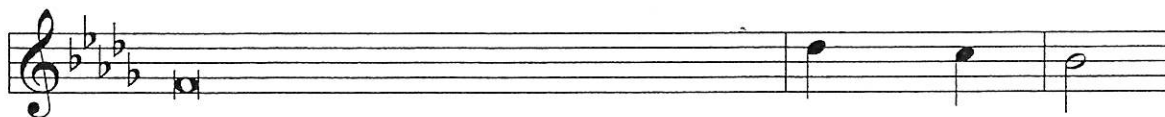
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



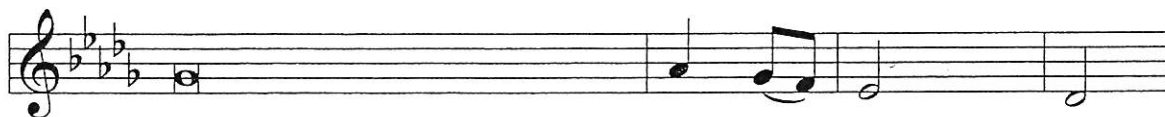
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



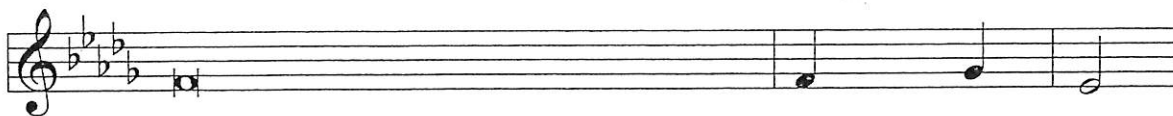
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



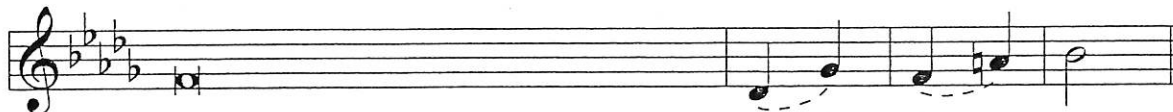
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



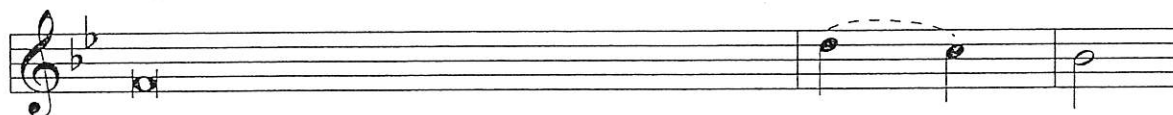
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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



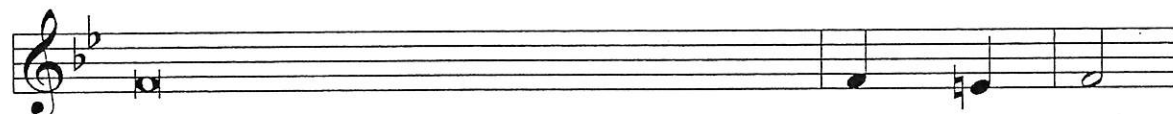
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



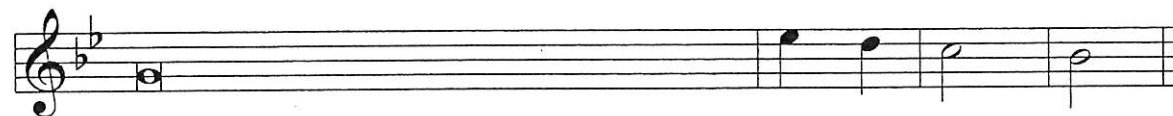
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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

Installation of ILS Principal and Teachers (Sunday)

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

- L** O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** 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.



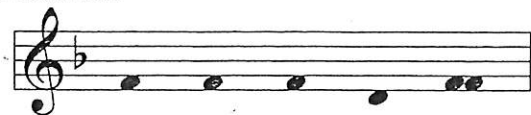
Collect for Grace (Sunday)

- 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

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



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.



C A - men.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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Pastor:

Pianist: (Saturday)

Organist: (Sunday)

Acolytes: (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Readers: (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Eric Wood

Sophia Wood

Barb Croessman

Collins Schumacher

Maylen Kramper

Elizabeth Guest

Birthdays: 27th Kayla Williams, Grady Langenfeld, 28th Ruth Harre, John Schwankhaus

August Ushers – Saturday – Jeff Obermeier

Sunday – Garrett Guest and Larry Kuhlengel

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

Chapel at 8:15 a.m. this Wednesday with Pastor d'Entremont

Installation of Principal and Teachers in Sunday, August 24th service. The following will be installed: Teachers – Pam Hundelt, Pre-school; Jody Liszewski, Kindergarten; Elizabeth Guest, grades one and two (called worker only installed once); Brianna Recker, grades three and four; Joe Kirby, grades five and six; Kelli Borrenpohl, grades seven, eight, and principal.

Sunday School is asking if anyone would like to co-teach the PreK/K Sunday School classes with Erin Kurtz. Sunday School runs mid Sept-Early May. Please get in touch with Allison Dunn, Krissy Schneider, or Amber Jacobs. We are also looking for volunteers to be on a sub list so if we ever need help with coverage we have someone to check with. Our Program is run by busy parents and there are times where we need help with coverage because of scheduling conflicts. This would not commit you to helping when we have events going on like Christmas Program or Easter Breakfast.

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

September newsletter information is due in the church office by Tuesday, August 26th.

Powerlift-recline chair: If anyone is in need of an electric recliner, please call Pat Quinlan at 618-795-2297 for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

2024-2025 Yearbooks

There are a few yearbooks left from this past school year available. If anyone is interested, they are \$35.00 each and can be picked up in the school office.

There will be early dismissal this Friday, August 29th at 12:20 p.m. and no school Monday, September 1st.

Wee Care Wheat Festival Float

Thank you to all the volunteers that have committed to help out with the float this year. We have a list of some items needed to complete the float. We are looking for metal hangers, batter powered Christmas lights (clear only), garland strands of glittery colors (not greenery), and monetary donations to purchase bags of candy to hand out during the parade. Please bring all donated items to Immanuel Lutheran School. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTES

HYMN FESTIVAL AT HOPE LUTHERAN, HIGHLAND SEPT. 7: The Lutheran Church has always been known as "The Singing Church!" Come continue the Lutheran tradition of singing great hymns at a Hymn Festival to be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Highland, IL on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 3:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will focus on "Hymns of the Church: Militant and Triumphant." We will join together to sing "Lift High the Cross," "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "A Mighty Fortress Is our God," "Built on the Rock," "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Jerusalem the Golden." The instrumentalists for the Hymn Festival will include Johnathan Clayton (organ and piano) and Mike Trinklein (piano and cello). The hymn narrations will be provided by Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. Those who have gone before us have raised their voices boldly in song, "we follow in their train."

Worship Anew is a service organization of the LCMS that broadcasts worship services especially for the homebound. They invite school and church choirs to record music and earlier this year the Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir traveled to Ft. Wayne to record hymns and anthems for some of their future broadcasts. This month the CORLHS choir will be included on Sunday, August 17 and 31. *Worship Anew* is available Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on cable TV. You may also find more information on worshipanew.org

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to "your navel." Belly buttons testify to gestation. Scripture's prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If the Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for "my body, my choice."

Life Quotes: "We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God's precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself." *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship: Luke 19:46 – "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." The Lord's House is not a house of merchandise or profit — it is a House of Prayer where people freely offer up their petitions to the Lord and their produce for His purposes. Generosity and joy characterize the House of the Lord, not compulsion or sharp dealing. "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matt. 10:8). That's pretty much the opposite of the world's marketplace!

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 Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: \$13,900.71

Loan Balance: \$20,000.00 (Borrowed 05/28/25), \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 06/30/25), and \$10,000.00 (Borrowed on 07/14/25)

Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$14.00 from "Thrivent Choice Dollars" designations in August. 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.