

SEASON of



Pentecost

A Shepherd's Compassion



Sermon: "The Wonder of Jesus" Mark 6:30-44 (Saturday)
"Brought Near by the Blood of Christ" Ephesians 2:11-22 (Sunday)
Saturday, July 20 & Sunday, July 21, 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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Saturday: 45 Sunday: 61

Bible Class: not counted

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 –Jackie Bening, Bill Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Kellee Helbig, Leonard Hemminghaus, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg, Nancy Weeke
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Bernice Hemminghaus
 - At Friendship Manor in Nashville – Lois Rabenort
 - At Freeburg Care Center - Loraine Schneider
 - 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; Evelyn Yuengel, neighbor of the Helbig family.
- Luke David Schneider, son of Brent and Jody Schneider, born 06/27/24.
- 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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Service - Divine Service Setting Four

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone (Sunday)

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

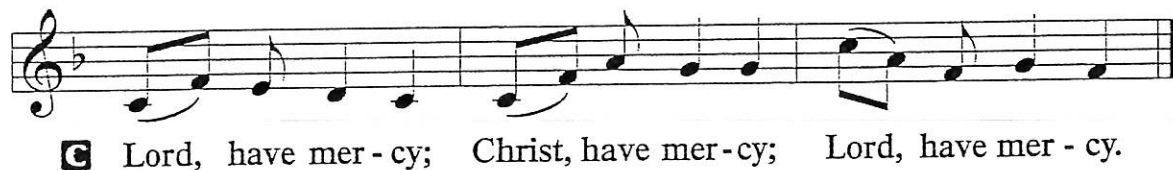
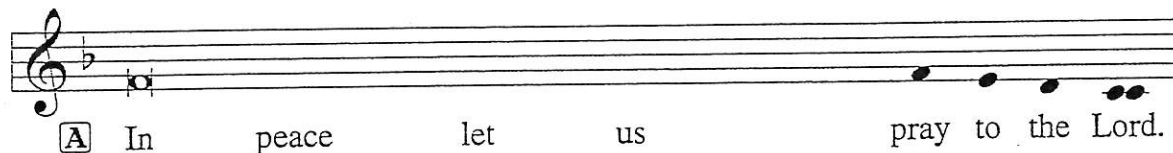
Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.
He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.
His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
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.
You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Kyrie



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

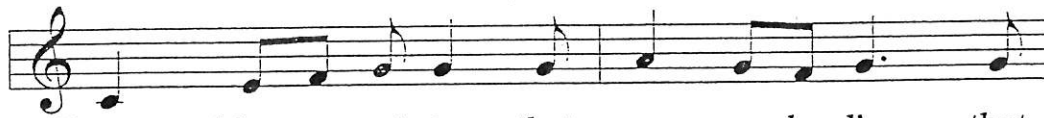
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Sit

644 The Church's One Foundation

Sermon "The Wonder of Jesus" (Saturday)
"Brought Near by the Blood of Christ" (Sunday)

Mark 6:30-44
Ephesians 2:11-22

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 \dagger 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 \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



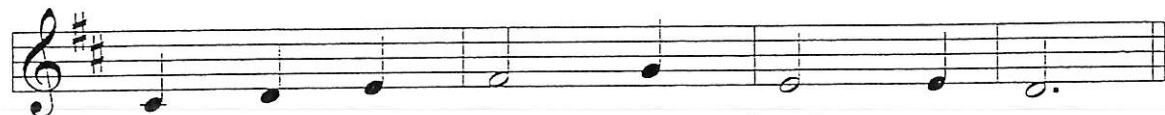
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

861 Christ Be My Leader

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.

G Amen.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Pastor (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Organists (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Acolytes (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Communion Assistants (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Art Eichhorn

Mark Rabe

Barbara Croessman

Sharon Krueger

Kooper Suedmeyer

Michael McCarthy

Angie Kampwerth

Dennis Pruehsner

Mike Jacobs

Birthdays: 20th Jamil Borrenpohl, Nora Wood, 22nd Tina Horvath, 23rd Lynn Borrenpohl, 24th Zachary Borrenpohl, Stephanie Meyer, 25th Paul Lange

July Ushers – Saturday – Steve Brammeier, Sunday – Ken and Tyler Storck

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting is July 28th after the service.

August newsletter information is due by July 26.

Church Service Scripture Readings: If anyone is interested in reading during Saturday or Sunday church service, please call the church office. Confirmed youth are welcome and are encouraged to serve in this way.

Church Directory Update: Our scheduling process has begun. Every Saturday and Sunday through Aug 18, you can schedule your family for their portrait time. We will have volunteers eager to help you before and after church service. Remember this terrific opportunity for a professional portrait in the comfort of our own church. Schedule your family soon! Online scheduling is also available @ www.ucdir.com, click on appointment scheduling on the right side, enter il367 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the church password field. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive slots. Church pictorial directory pictures will be taken on August 22-24. See insert for additional details.

SCHOOL NEWS

Immanuel Wee Care is in search of 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 gym floor replacement is underway. The installation of the new floor is planned for July 16th through August 5th. It will be installed by Omnisports, Tarkett with Brian Jasper being the general contractor for the project. The total project is priced to be \$65,000.00. The lunch program reimbursement and the Quatto Trust Memorial donation in memory of Theo and Elizabeth Weeke is leaving a remaining balance of \$21,000.00. This amount is hoped to be covered by advertising and congregational donations. Anyone wanting to make a donation to this project can do so by marking gym floor on their envelope. We will be acknowledging your giving with a banner by showing your gift in levels of \$100.00 - \$500.00; \$501.00 - \$1000.00, and \$1001.00 – plus. Your giving can also be gifted in the memory of someone or can be anonymous if you chose. These banners will be placed and should remain in the gym approximately the next 25 years. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Streuter 618-559-1218. Thank you for your support.

ILS floor cleaning and waxing is now completed. Thank you to everyone for taking time to move furniture and prepare for this to be done.

ILS Registration for the 2024/2025 school year will be held on Thursday, July 25th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, July 26th 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Teacher Installation is Sunday, August 11th beginning during worship at 9:00 a.m. followed by open house at 10:30 a.m. and ending with a school family picnic at 11:30 a.m.

First Day of student attendance is Tuesday, August 13th.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Southern Illinois District is currently seeking an Administrative Assistant to support the District President. This full-time position, Monday to Friday, includes comprehensive health care and retirement benefits. The ideal candidate should possess strong verbal, writing, and interpersonal skills. The role involves various tasks such as computer work, email correspondence, phone calls, texting, form completion, filing, and office organization. Knowledge of Filemaker Pro is an advantage. Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to President Timothy Scharr at sidlcmspres@gmail.com by submitting their resume and inquires.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: The world wants to discriminate between lives it finds worthy and ones it regards as undeserving. The coming of Christ Jesus has brought about something better – reconciliation that has dissolved all division and abolished hostility in God’s forgiveness and fellowship (Ephesians 2:14-17). His kingdom leaves neither need nor room for discounting anyone because of shade, shape, sex, age, income, education, or residence.

Life Quotes: “We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but also with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people?” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship: Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind’s efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.

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, July 6, Sunday, July 7, Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14 were as follows: Current \$2452.00, Home Use \$4040.00, and Loose \$298.00.

Expenses for the week \$13,628.97

Loan balance (borrowed on 06/12/24 and 07/10/24) \$35,000.00

Update to Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$11.00 from “Thrivent Choice Dollars” designations in July. 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

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THE GOOD NEWS



Are you ready to take that leap of faith?

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— Rev. James Neuendorf,
LCMS missionary to
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