

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

A Warm and Sincere Welcome! We are excited that you have chosen to join us. We invite you to join us often. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider making Immanuel Lutheran your church home. Please contact the church office for more information.

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion +

As we partake of this blessed sacrament, our Lord has promised to give us His true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. Those who partake, firmly believing in Christ's real presence, receive these blessings. If you are a member of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and have not communed at Immanuel before, please speak with the pastor or an elder before participating. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod please speak with pastor before the service. *Thank you.*

Pentecost 13
August 27, 2023
Divine Service 4

Confession and Absolution

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870
Text and tune: Public domain

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.

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

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the
LORD!

**As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.**

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I
have begotten you.”

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

**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.

But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the
LORD!

Kyrie

LSB 204



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



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-shipped 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.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The LORD's Comfort for Zion

“Listen to me, you who pursue
righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were
dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the
peoples.

My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like

manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be
dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

A Living Sacrifice

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober

judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Peter Confesses Jesus As the Christ

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said

to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.**

Children's Sermon

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice: Vs. 1-4

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
 spring-ing. And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
 gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
 da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
 rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
 good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
 my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
 His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
 on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
 did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.

Sermon Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. [*Especially show Your steadfast love to _____.*]
Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, that this food may keep us holy and blameless in Christ now and when He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

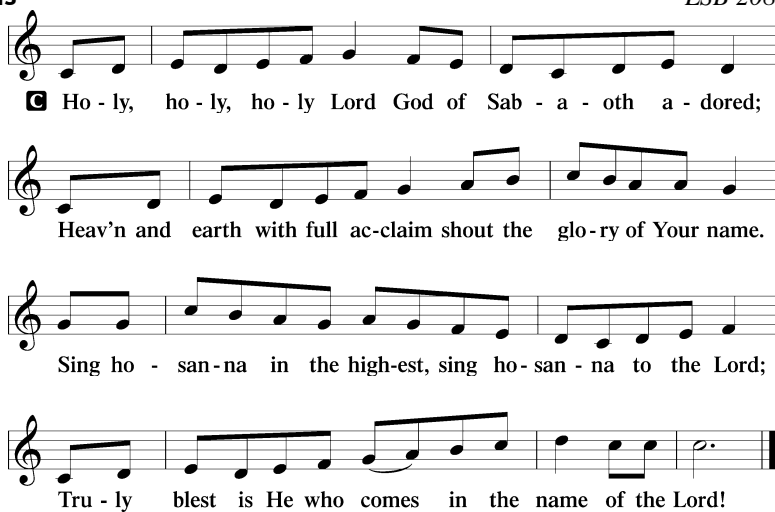
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

LSB 208



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

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.

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 ✠ 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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

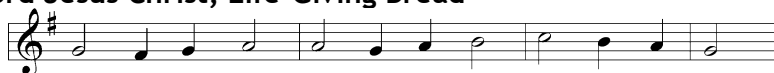
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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.
 Tune: Theütsch kirchen ampt, 1525, Strassburg
 Text and tune: Public domain

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
 And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
 Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow
 Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
 Text and tune: Public domain

865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and
 chism's — doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -
 Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
 Tune: As hymnodus sacer, 1625, Leipzig
 Text and tune: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



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 lead 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.

C Amen.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C 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.

C Amen.

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79

Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Divine Service is every Sunday at 9:00am with Communion.
- Bible Class is every Sunday at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying Genesis in the Old Testament.
- Beta Sig Sunday is TODAY!
- College Students Welcome Back BBQ will be held TODAY at 11:30. The students always appreciate the meals that we serve. Thank you if you can provide a dessert to complete the meal. It is much appreciated.
- God and Grapes will be held on Tuesday August 29th at Public House in St. James from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- The Tuesday Night Bible Study for the LSF will begin again on August 29 at 7 p.m./ Please sign up for refreshments
- The Mid-week Bible Study is every Thursday at 12:00pm. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. John.
- Sunday school will be starting, September 10.th All children age 3 through 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. Our first lesson will be about faith. Join us to learn what faith is.

➤ Confirmation Classes begin September 13th at 4:30pm. Classes end at 5:30pm. Please drop off and pick up your child at the front door of the LSC.

This Week at Immanuel

Tuesday: LSF bible study at 7p.m.

Thursday: Bible Class at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are Studying the Gospel of John.
Leisure Lutheran game day at 1 p.m.

Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla

Chapter President:

Confessing the Christ means advocating the sanctity of every human life. If Jesus is indeed the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16), then He also serves as Lord of Life-and-death situations and decisions. May he whose Word has plundered us out of hell's gates grant our testimony to extend this same courage and compassion to everyone considering abortion or physician-assisted suicide.

Save the date – Rolla Area LFL Chapter meeting – September 20, 12 noon, Immanuel Fellowship Hall.

LWML/Dorcas

Mite Collection Sunday will be September 3. The mite collection box will be located on the table next to the pillar in the narthex. The mite collection for August 6 came to \$51.26. For a complete list of national mission grants log on to www.lwml.org/mission-grants. For a complete list of district mission grant projects log on to www.missourilwml.org. Last weekend 217 t-shirt diapers and 259 pillowcase dresses were delivered to

the Orphan Grain Train drop-off location in Concordia, Missouri. Materials for the t-shirt diapers were donated and materials for the pillowcase dresses were purchased through Thrivent Action Team Grants.

To God be the glory

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Day, every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Upcoming scheduled activities include:

Hat Day/Grandparents Day, September 10.

Ladies of the congregation are invited to wear a hat to worship service on Sunday, September 10 in recognition of Grandparent's Day.

School Sack Lunch, September 13, 12:00 noon.

Sandwiches will be provided and participants are asked to bring "sack lunch" food items to share such as single serving fruit, chips, desserts, etc. A signup sheet will be located on the information bulletin board in the narthex. Participants are also asked to bring a school supply item for donation to an elementary school.

Movie Matinee, September 17, 2 pm. "The Passion of Christ", the production by Mel Gibson, will be screened on Sunday afternoon, September 17 at 2 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and your own snacks.

RADA /Card cabinet located in the downstairs hall contains Christian cards sold individually and by the box and several RADA kitchen tools. Profits from these sales benefit the activities of Leisure Lutherans. Additional RADA kitchen tools and knives may be ordered through the catalog and order forms located in the rack next to the cabinet.

Thrivent

Thrivent members, it is not too late to utilize the two \$250 Action Team Grants offered to each Thrivent member. Action Team Grants can be designated to any non-profit organization via fundraising or hands-on activity. The Backpack Program offers students in need with free, healthy, and easy-to-prepare food over the weekends. Immanuel has supported this mission for more than eight years now. Please contact Sue Kamprath to submit an Action Team Grant for the Backpack Program or Carla Roedemeier and Mary Wittmaier for a grant to purchase supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center, dresses for Orphan Grain Train or quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Altar Guild

The sign-up sheet for 2024 is available in the narthex. Current altar guild members as well as anyone who would like to join the altar guild should sign up for at least one but preferably two months.

Birthdays

August 27	Taylor Banholzer
August 29	Kurt Hollman
August 31	Connie Swetnam
September 2	Kay Beasley
September 2	Carla Munger

Sunday School will begin September 10th.

Our first lesson will be about faith. Join us to learn what faith is.

Prayers

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie,
Emma Fite
Jordan, Randy Krauss
Sarah Downey
Austin Fann
Laura Stoll
Jana Goddard
Don Swetnam
Alek Tilford
Ronnie Berwick

Bob Mundahl
Carol Holthaus
Dotty Wolf
Scott Egbert
Brandon Lowe
Deanne Greene
Hyrum Allen
Bob Chreiten
Ed Haas

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer Amber Dean
Matt Battley Marshall Dean
Joe Duehning

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 8/20/2023: 129, Communion: 111

Attendance Sunday 8/20/2023: Bible Class - 52

Attendance Thursday 8/17/2023: Bible Class -25

**Offerings for Aug.20: \$2,886.00 / Needed per week
\$6,200.**

Elders Serving Today:-Ethan Swyres

Elders Serving Next Sunday 9/3/2023 Matt Banholzer

Organist Today: Berniece Strandberg

Ushers Today: Team 3

Greeters Today: Nancy & Andy Anderson

Altar- Guild: August – Holly Statler

Refreshments Today: Terry & Eileen Theiss

Refreshments College Students: Aug. 29 Sue Kamprath

**Altar Flowers Today: to the Glory of God from the Altar
Guild.**

Prayer before Communion: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer: 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.

Luther's Evening Prayer: 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.