

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois

Luke 19:9-10

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**4th Sunday after Pentecost
Announcements
June 28, 2020**

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When larger worship services resume, follow these guidelines

- Those with compromised health situations and children who cannot social distance are asked to continue to worship at home.
- Avoid all physical contact.
- Sanitize hands upon entering.
- Sit with your family six feet apart from other households.
- Masks are encouraged during singing.
- Handouts are on the table.
- Leave offering in the basket.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Thank you to Rev. Gary Fortkamp for conducting services this weekend.

In Our Prayers: Medical care: Heath Beccue, Claudia Berg, Gail Bryan, Tiffany Dunaway, Mary Frailey, Abbey Franzen, Carol Kassel, Cathy Marble, Paulette Miller, Angela Kull Ohnesorge, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Walter Ruding, Evelyn Shumaker, Norma Siebert, Barb Smith, Nora Wendling, Roxie Wendling, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff

Comfort to the family and friends of Joe Mathewson.

Homebound: Carol Sheppard, Howard Voelker, Charlott Brauer

Thankfulness for the blessings of 63 years of marriage on 6/30 by Jim and Evelyn Shumaker.

Pastor Wright will resume Sunday morning Bible class on the Book of Revelation on July 5 at 9:45 in the Parish Hall.

Small Group Communion - Those who would like small group communion may come *Wednesdays at 5 PM* starting July 1. Please notify Pastor that you are coming.

Volunteer Opportunities - The LYF needs volunteers to help us out! If you are interested in making dinner and dessert for around 20 people on Wednesdays by 5:30 OR if you would like to chaperone some LYF events please contact Andy Wendling. You do not need to be a parent or grandparent of a youth to help us minister to them!

Online VBS - At *Rainforest Explorers* VBS, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He'll never leave us! All VBS online content will be available July 19th.

Register at our website or use the paper sign-up sheet found in the bulletin (leave it in the offering basket or in the mails lot)! VBS Packets will be available for pick up the week of July 19th. Contact Andy Wendling with any questions.

Children's Lessons - Children can watch a Bible lesson every Sunday! This is a great way to teach your child about Christ during the summer. Videos can be found on the church website.

This Week's Schedule

<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control</i>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC in PH <i>Apollos</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion – <i>(Notify Pastor before coming.)</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Zoom
	7:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Zoom
<u>Thursday:</u>	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>Sat. July 4:</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship
<u>Sun. July 5:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Ladies Aid Meeting Thursday, July 2, 7pm. Devotion by Kathy Corder; hostesses are officers.

Youth Mystery Events - First event: July 8, 2020, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Place: Meet in the north parking lot of the church.

How it works: LYF is meeting again! During the month of July we will have four mystery events. PLEASE sign up! We need to make sure we have supplies/chaperones. If you are unsure if you can make it, sign up anyway! During the week leading up to the event clues will be given about what we are doing and information about what you may want to bring/ wear to the event (on instagram and facebook). The best part is you never know what we will do until you show up! To sign up and learn more about upcoming LYF events, check out our youth page on the church website.

Usher Schedules for July through September are on the usher's table.

Scripture Reader Schedules (June-September) are in the narthex.

Portals of Prayer, July- September, are at each of the church doors.

Carol Kassel suffered a fall and is recuperating. Please send cards to their home: 1542 Ontario Dr, Waterloo, IL 62298

Please send a card of comfort to member Don Ousley at the death of his wife, Wilma. Don's address is: Aperion Care Center, 221 E Cumberland Rd, Saint Elmo, IL 62458.

Online giving is available through Vanco Giving Plus. Please continue to support the ministry of Immanuel through regular offerings as you are able. Go to immanuelaltamont.org for the web link or download the app on your phone and search your location for Immanuel Altamont. You may wish to cover the 3% service charge for this option. You can also contact your bank for free transfers.

ALIS Registration July 15 & 16, time TBA.

Kindergarten Orientation planned for July TBA.

6:15am Wednesday Men's Bible Class is meeting upstairs in the Parish Hall. Additional participants are welcome to attend!

June 28 “[T]he family is universal. Individuals meeting from different cultures do not have to explain to each other what a family is. The family lies at the quantum level of human society. Family life is deeply rooted in an area of mystery we do not fully understand. Like a tree, it is living, rooted, and nourished by the soil of the past and reaching up into the future. It is not manufactured. Although socially reinforced, it is not ‘socially constructed.’ It is a precious Gift.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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Have you ever told a child, “Don’t step in that puddle?” What did the child do?

We all want forbidden things. Knowing that something is forbidden makes us want it all the more. This applies even – especially – to what we would be better off without. So perverse is fallen human nature that it does not even recognize what is good for it!

What is the solution? Rules may restrain the body, but they do not change the heart.

Even God’s own commandments can backfire. In one of his letters, St. Paul recalled that God said in the Ten Commandments, “You shall not covet.” But sin, he went on, “seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness . . . when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me” (Romans 7:7-10).

Sometimes people think that rules and regulations can make people good and upright. They might also figure that any Law from God will move people along toward being good and upright. But it turns out that the God’s Law finally shows people their sins and rebellion against Him. And as Paul noted, it can even make us worse!

God’s Law itself is not the trouble. His commands are holy and righteous and good. The problem lies within us. No wonder Paul ended up this chapter of Romans saying, “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

Suddenly, Paul answered his own question. He wrote: “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 7:24-25).

The only deliverance people can have from the Law’s condemnation is through Christ. By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus brings blessing. *Find out more on Sunday, from our church service.*