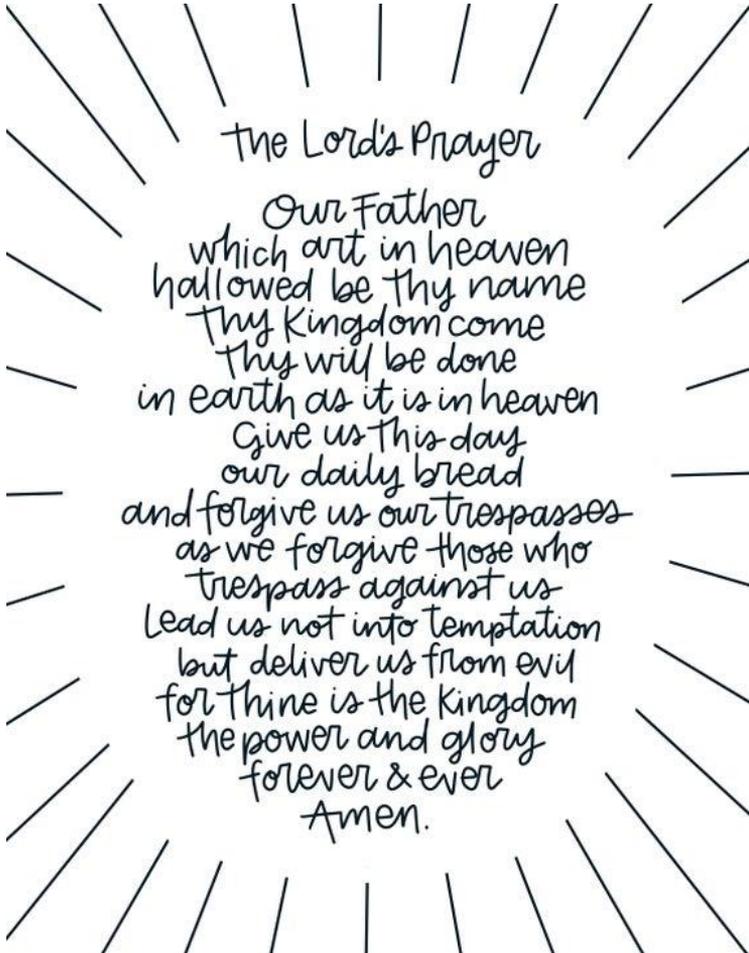


Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



**10th Sunday after Pentecost
Announcements
August 9, 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!

Thanks to Pastor Gary Fortkamp for conducting services today.

In Our Prayers: Medical care: Heath Beccue, Claudia Berg, Claudie Burgess, Tiffany Dunaway, Abbey Franzen, Stephen Heimgartner, Carol Kassel, Pam Kepley, Cathy Marble, Angela Kull Ohnesorge, Deb Pagel, Pam Paszotta, Walter Ruding, Evelyn Shumaker, Barb Smith, Linda Smith, Doris Strullmyer, Phil Walk, Nathan Wendling, Craig Wolff, Gina Wolff.

Thanksgiving for successful surgery: Charlie Stuemke.

Near death: Mary Frailey.

Thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter Landry Mae Meier to Erik & Micah Meier on Sunday, August 2.

Homebound: Adela Goers, Gerald Holste, JR Newby

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Marlin & Rita Guse in honor of their 50th Wedding anniversary April 18 (there were no in-person services.)

Giving for week of 8/2/20: General Fund \$11,984; Organ Fund \$16,340.

Pastor Wright Bible class continues Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Parish Hall on the Book of Revelation.

Small Group Communion Wednesdays at 5 PM – If you would like small group communion, *please notify Pastor that you are coming.*

Online VBS is live! You may still participate by viewing VBS online from now thru August 19 at www.immanuelaltamont.org

High School Sunday School Class will start August 23 at 9:45 am in the youth room.

Sr. LYF Lock-In August 14th 7pm-7am Come join us as we kick off the new school year! This will be the "official" grade transition and we will be electing LYF officers. *Be sure to fill out a permission slip and turn it in upon arrival.* Parents, please sign up to chaperone on our linktree.

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.

LYF Parent Meeting - August 26th 7pm Parish Hall – Upper Level
There will be an LYF parent meeting for students in 6th-12th grade. We will discuss upcoming events, fundraisers and more!

This Week's Schedule

View VBS at www.immanuelaltamont.org

<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Parables of Jesus</i>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Men BC in PH <i>Hannah</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion <i>Must call to reserve</i>
<u>Thursday:</u>	<i>Opening Chapel for ALIS</i>	
	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Friday:</u>	7p.m. –7 a.m.	Sr High Lock-in
<u>Sat August 15</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship
<u>Sun August 16</u>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Immanuel's After School Care will not be available at the beginning of the school year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the safety of participating children, the After School Care program will not be able to begin operation until some current restrictions and guidelines can be removed.

Parents who have submitted Enrollment Forms will be contacted when After School Care is allowed to operate again. Enrollment Forms are still available at the Immanuel Church Parish Hall lobby, and completed forms can be placed in the deposit box or turned in to Immanuel Church office.

Our After School Care staff is sad and disappointed that we cannot begin when schools begin. Once COVID safety requirements can be terminated, ASC can again resume.

Young Adult Meeting Sunday, August 30 12:15 PM in the Parish Hall
All young adults are invited to talk and discuss what they would like to see in a young adult ministry at our church.

NEW MEMBER CLASS with Pastor Wright for adults will start on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM beginning on September 8. We study the Bible and the Lutheran Catechism. Everyone is welcome to come. Runs through mid November.

The Baby Bottle Project is the Family Life Center's greatest fundraiser. We will be kicking it off August 1 through September 1. Please don't forget to pick up a bottle! If you are not coming to church now but would like to donate, please make your check payable to FLC and drop it off at church or mail to: Family Life Center, 605 Eden Ave, PO Box 154, Effingham, IL 62401. Please be sure in the "note" section of your check to put:
Immanuel, Altamont. Thank you so much for your help.

Fall Sunday School Survey Please fill out the Sunday School survey on our website (immanuelaltamont.org) to let us know if your child will be attending Sunday School this fall with our new precautions. Last day to fill out the survey is Monday, August 17th.

Altamont Food Pantry - The total participants the week of July 27 was 30. The total that participated during the month of July was 135.

Lutherans for Life Donations – If you use Lutherans for Life offering envelope, donation will go to *National* Lutherans for Life. If you want donation to go to *local chapter*, use a Designated envelope and mark “Immanuel Lutherans for Life”.

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.

Volunteers needed to assist with video/streaming. Basic computer knowledge needed. We need more volunteers to continue to reach our members not yet able to return to church! Contact Kyle Stuemke to help.

Pass This On: *August 9, 2020*

Alex was sitting by the lake, gazing out at the sun setting over the water, with a slight breeze dancing across his skin. Although the world was beyond his comprehension, he still loved treasuring its beauty each day.

In a Scripture reading for this week, God talked about this beautiful world that He created. He spoke to a man named Job about a creation that lies beyond man’s comprehension.

God began by asking Job: “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding” (Job 38:4). The language used here indicates creation as God’s personal handiwork, crafted with care – something into which He poured His energy.

Not only was this creation made with the utmost care; it also displays the majesty and power of God. A bit later, the LORD said to Job: “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place?” (Job 38:12).

The world around us shows both the majesty and care of God. Furthermore, the glorious truth is that He so carefully and majestically created everything around us for the benefit of His most intimate and beautiful creation: you and me.

This intimate relationship between the Creator and His creation showed itself above all when God sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ. Jesus gave His life for all of mankind, thereby redeeming and cleansing people created by God.

We will never fully comprehend our Creator’s love, however much we treasure the beauty of His works. It is through Jesus that our God shows just how He loves His children. The Bible says that “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17).