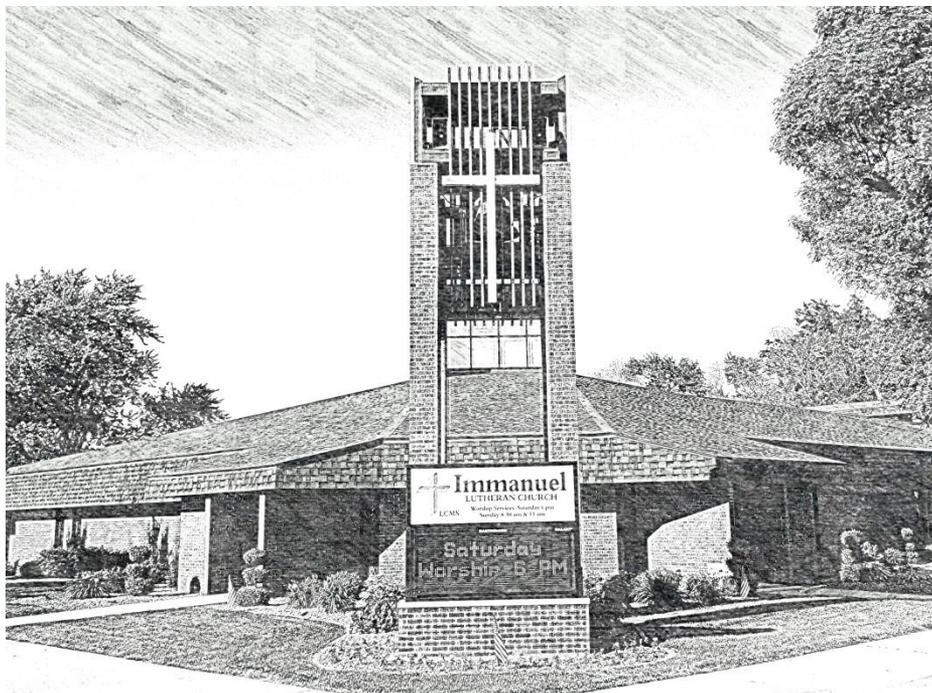


Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



11th Sunday after Pentecost Announcements August 16, 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!

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.

Homebound: Gary Pryor, Carol Sheppard, Norma Siebert

Giving for week of 8/9/20: General Fund \$12,733.00;

Memorials for Judy Mercier of \$460.00

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.*

Lutheran Care Center is closed to visitors, but residents would appreciate cards and letters from family and church family. Notes to residents in general will be read over the intercom at lunch.

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 is the last week to watch **Rainforest Explorers VBS**. The videos will be on our website until August 19.

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 17.

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

LYF Parent Meeting August 26th 7pm in the Parish Hall

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 –ends this Wednesday.

<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>Widow of Zarephath</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Communion
		<i>Must call to reserve</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Sat August 22</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Sun August 23</u>	8:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class <i>Book of Revelation</i>
	9:45 a.m.	High School BC in Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Immanuel's After School Care is not 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 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.

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".

Altamont Food Pantry - For the week of August 3-7 we had 48 Food Pantry participants! The Food Pantry is in need of "kids" cereal.

We are also in need of helpers/volunteers to work in the Food Pantry.

Hours are: Tuesday 1-2 pm and 5-6 pm and Thursday 1-3 pm.

If anyone is interested and would like to help please call the Altamont First United Methodist Church at 618-483-6036.

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.

August 16 "Christianity proclaims a God who valued humanity so much that in Jesus God took on flesh, becoming human. He took on His own jar of clay and in so doing gifted all of humanity with immeasurable treasure." *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Pass This On: August 16, 2020

She could see Jesus in the distance. It was rumored that He was the King of the Jews, and she was a Canaanite woman. People may have wondered what He would be willing to do for her, but she trusted that His mercy and love knew no bounds.

She approached him, crying out, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon" (Matthew 15:22). However, it seemed as if her status did matter, negatively so. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). Still, the woman kept after Him, her dignity being completely stripped away. Even though the Jews looked upon her as an inferior, like a dog, but she knelt before Jesus and said: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (Matthew 15:27).

This remarkable woman grasped the big picture of Jesus' ministry, that He came for the salvation of all people. She believed that despite her earthly status, Jesus would heal her daughter's affliction.

In the end, this interaction was not one of earthly distinctions and divisions, but of humility and faith. Jesus told the woman: "great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Matthew 15:28).

Within a society deeply divided by earthly distinctions, the church proclaims Christ as Savior of all who believe in Him.

Like this woman, Christians too are stripped of any dignity or standing before God that arises from themselves. At the point of utter humility, God through His Good News gives poor sinners faith to cling to the Christ Who came for all, died for all, and rose again.