

Immanuel Lutheran Church Altamont, Illinois



**The Victorious Lamb of God Window
Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
Announcements
March 28, 2021**

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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Thanks to Rev. Gary Fortkamp for leading services today in Pastor Wright's absence.

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

In Our Prayers: Medical care: Mike Bowman, Tiffany Dunaway, Gloria Fortkamp, Abbey Franzen, Judy Oldham, Deb Pagel, Irene Saddler, Samuel Shelton, Evelyn Shumaker, Irene Spilker, Leigh Ann Stuckemeyer, Cathy Swingler, Linda VanAlst, Craig Wolff, Lilly Wright.

Homebound: Adela Goers, Gert Heiden, Gerald Holste

Week of 3/21: \$19,346.48; includes IRA \$7,375.48; Memorials for Curly Stuemke: Praise Team \$50, General Fund \$20.

Palm Procession for Children Meet in the narthex before services this Sunday to participate.

Worship: Members are asked to resume completing worship attendance cards: circle *time of service* and circle *those communing*.

LYF Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser- Please pay at pick up this Sunday, March 28th (after 8:30 and after 11 am services).

Immanuel's first Drive-Thru Easter Experience today, 2-4 pm in the north parking lot. Driving thru, people will see the accounts of Holy Week, such as the adoration of Christ on Palm Sunday, the last supper, and Jesus on the cross.

Ushers schedules for April-June are on ushers' table in narthex.

CEFS Meal Delivery Schedules April 5-16 for Immanuel are on the small table in the Parish Hall lobby and were emailed.

This Week's Schedule

<u>Monday:</u>	9:00 a.m.	WBC @ Vicki R <i>Unshakable Trust</i>
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:30 a.m.	WBC <i>Prophecy</i>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	6:15 a.m.	Mens BC <i>OT Minor Prophet: Haggai</i>
<u>Thursday:</u>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
	6:30 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
<u>Friday:</u>	<i>Good Friday</i>	
	12 Noon	Prayer Service
	6:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Worship
<u>Sat April 3:</u>	<i>No Saturday Service</i>	
<u>Sun April 4:</u>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	6:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service
		<i>No Bible Class</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Worship/Holy Communion

March 28 “Good Friday shows us—in case there was any doubt before—that something is wrong with the world, something worth mourning deeply ... There will be a time when God wipes all of these tears from our eyes. We are not there yet, but we can surely take heart in the knowledge that God is close to the brokenhearted.”

Derek Caldwell, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Ramsey Plus program (updated) – The Stewardship Board is working with the Central Illinois District on a program that will allow 1 year access to the Ramsey Plus suite of financial education programs to every family in our congregation. The timing is still TBD but looking like at least a mid-late summer start. Please complete the survey we have posted on both the Immanuel website (www.immanuelaltamont.org) and the Immanuel Facebook page to provide your feedback to help us develop the plan to implement the program at Immanuel. You only need to complete the survey from 1 of the sites. We will keep this survey posted and available on both locations until **April 9th** and then we will compile the information so we can report our implementation plans back to the District.

Thrivent Member? Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the organization of your choice by **March 30**. Contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836.

Altamont Food Pantry Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3PM. March 16 and 18 we had a total of 21 participants. Needs: Had requests for Ramen noodles.

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip Immanuel, Springfield is hosting a trip see the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. Dates are April 26-29...roundtrip motorcoach, 3 night stay in Cincinnati area, breakfast and dinner 3 days, admissions, baggage handling...all for \$450.00 per person (double occupancy). Call Pastor Stuenkel at 217-622-7266 (cell) or Springfield church ofc 217-528-5232 to sign-up.

ALIS kindergarten orientation Mon., April 26 in two sessions (5:30-6pm or 6:15-6:45pm). Register 618-483-6428 school ofc.

2021 PTL Dinner Auction – May 8th Don't forget to send in your RSVP to the ALIS office! A few preferred tables are still available. Donation slips are available from the ALIS office. Silent and Live auction item donations will be accepted at ALIS beginning April 12. All donations/slips must be submitted by Monday May 3 to guarantee they will be included in the auction booklet.

Pass This On to Friends and Family

This Sunday at church, it's all about the parade. Jesus had been walking around for three years. He had visited cities and towns. He had healed the sick, cast out demons, restored sight to the blind, made the deaf hear, and had even raised several people from the dead. He preached to countless people, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

At the end of those three years: a parade. It's the first of two for the week. This one is triumphant and celebratory. A large crowd is in Jerusalem and they gather along the road into town. They pull down palm branches and wave them about. They take their cloaks and even throw them down on the road. The people are singing and crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!"

They treat Jesus like a king. Because He *is* a king. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. There's even a prophecy about Jesus in this very moment: "Behold, your king is coming!"

This Sunday we will also have palms. We will sing out to Jesus, "Hosanna!" Because He *is* a king.

The funny thing, though, is that Jesus is like no other king. "Behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" Jesus parades into Jerusalem as a humble king. He will not reign over a nation. Instead He will die on a cross at the end of the week. He does this to save the whole world.

Jesus, the King, will come again. There's one more parade to come. On the Last Day Jesus will return to the world, and every knee will bow to Him. Jesus will reign over a kingdom which never ends — a kingdom open to everyone who believes in Him.