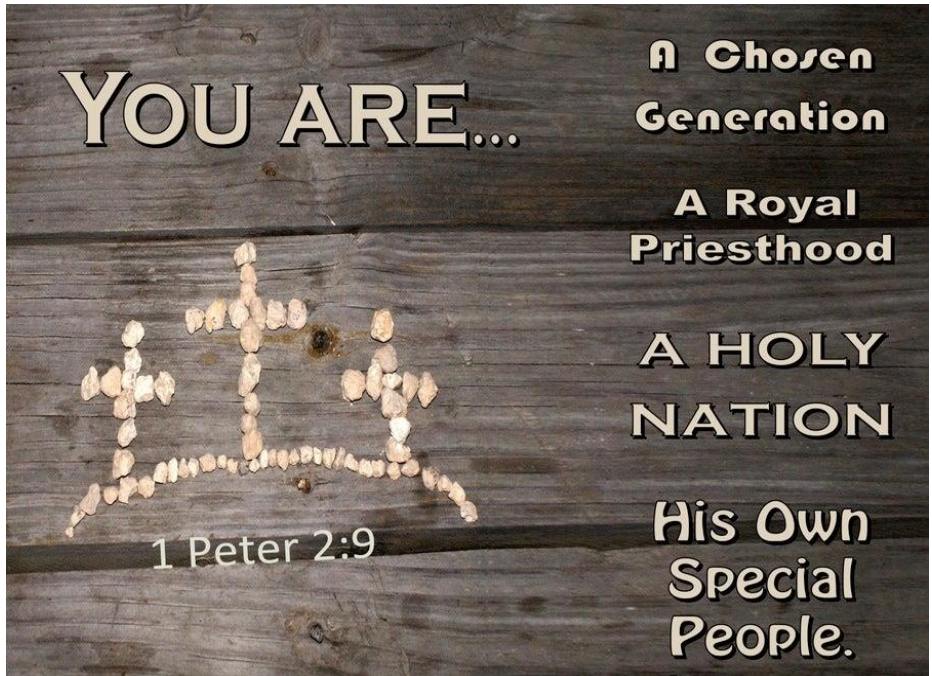


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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TO OUR GUESTS Welcome to Immanuel. We pray that you will be blessed worshipping the Lord with His people. Please sign a guest attendance card and place it at the end of your row. Please join us often.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated today. Here Jesus gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning the body and blood received a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of Christian concern for souls, we require thorough instruction in the teaching of the Lutheran Church before coming to the sacrament. Communion is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:27). Since unity at the altar means unity in doctrine and confession, we ask that only those who are in confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod attend the Lord's Supper. If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, fold your hands across your chest before the pastor during the communion.

DEAR VISITORS We recognize this communion practice is a sensitive issue for many, therefore we have prepared a brochure to explain it more fully. These are available in the entry to the sanctuary. See Pastor for questions.

**In Our Prayers:** **Medical Care:** Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Myong Mayfield, Russell Phillips, Evelyn Shumaker, Diana Wendling, Jenny Wendling; Helen Zeigler-shoulder replacement. **Homebound:** Lorene Frederking, Gert Heiden, and Margaret Miller. **Prayers of Comfort** for the families of Carol Sheppard, David Jutkins, and Rev. Jerry Bagwell.

**Thanks be to God:** for the ministry of Rev. Jerry Bagwell, who died on Tuesday. Pastor Bagwell served at Holy Cross Lutheran of Vandalia and most recently in the vacancy at Faith Lutheran near Shumway.

**4/30/2023 Offerings:** \$10,750

**9:45 Pastor's Bible Class** Life Together as Synod

**No Life of Faith Bible Class today.**

**Children's Sunday School today - Last Day until Fall.**

**Lord's Supper:** According to the voters' assembly on April 30, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated each weekend service through July 2023.

## CEFS Meal Deliveries Week #2

<u>Monday</u>	9:00 AM	WBC @ Vicki's
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:30 AM	Women's BC – <i>Pew Sisters</i>
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:15 AM	Men's BC – <i>Good News: Comfort</i>
	3:30 PM	<b>Last</b> Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 PM	<b>Last</b> Bell Practice
	7:15 PM	Mixed Choir
	7:15 PM	Women's Bible Class
<u>Thursday</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
<u>Sat. May 13</u>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>
<u>Sun. May 14</u>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>
	9:45 AM	Bible Class
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>
		Media DVD to Tower- Bob Mayhaus

"We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose." *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska*  
– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Kendra Walker** has accepted the position of **Director of Youth and Family**. She will begin serving Immanuel on May 15. Our sincere thanks to Andy Dahnke for serving the past three plus years in this position. A public recognition is being planned.

**VBS Sign-ups** available on table with bulletins or online at [Immanuelaltamont.org](http://Immanuelaltamont.org)



**Immanuel VBS "God's Living Water" – Covered in Jesus Grace"**

**May 30 – June 3, 9AM to Noon**

**Opening and closing will be in the ALIS gym.**

**Thank you** so much for all the anniversary wishes extended to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. It helped to make the milestone occasion very special. *Blessings, Kenny and Judy Milleville*

**CPH Booklets** discussing different hot topics from a Biblical perspective are available for free. This week's topics:

- A Biblical Response to Addiction
- A Biblical Response to Abortion
- A Biblical Response to Transgenderism

**Family Life Center/ Silk Purse Community Give Back Program**

Ladies Aid will be providing volunteer workers at Silk Purse throughout June. **Please consider helping by signing in the purple scheduling binder on the counter by the Parish Hall.** Specific date and time slots are available throughout June. In return Silk Purse will donate up to \$3000 to Immanuel's Ladies Aid.

**Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project** will be ready for Mothers' Day and then should be turned back in by Fathers' Day with contribution. Make checks payable to Family Life Center.

**Lutheran Care Center** meeting for volunteer opportunities will be held on May 9th at 10 AM at the LCC Gathering Place.

**Bells In Motion**, an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL, will be on tour with a stop here at Immanuel on Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 pm. Free will donation will be accepted for Bells in Motion. **Immanuel** mixed choir director, Chris, rings with this ensemble.

**Tour the Holy Land** with Pastor Wright, October 29-November 7, 2024. \$4,199 round trip from Chicago. Get a brochure from the lobby table or at [immanuelaltamont.org](http://immanuelaltamont.org).

**Altamont Food Pantry** - We served a total of 39 for the Food Pantry on Tuesday, May 2nd. Items needed for food pantry patrons for May: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars/Pop Tarts, and Hot Dogs. Thank you for your continued donations and support of the Food Pantry.

**High School Graduates** See bulletin insert

**150th Anniversary items**: See bulletin insert.

<https://immanuellutheran150yrs.itemorder.com/> Deadline to order Saturday May 13th, 2023. Estimated date of shipping is May 24th. If you have questions, contact Promark Advertising, Inc. at 618-483-6025 or [dawnb@promarkadv.com](mailto:dawnb@promarkadv.com)