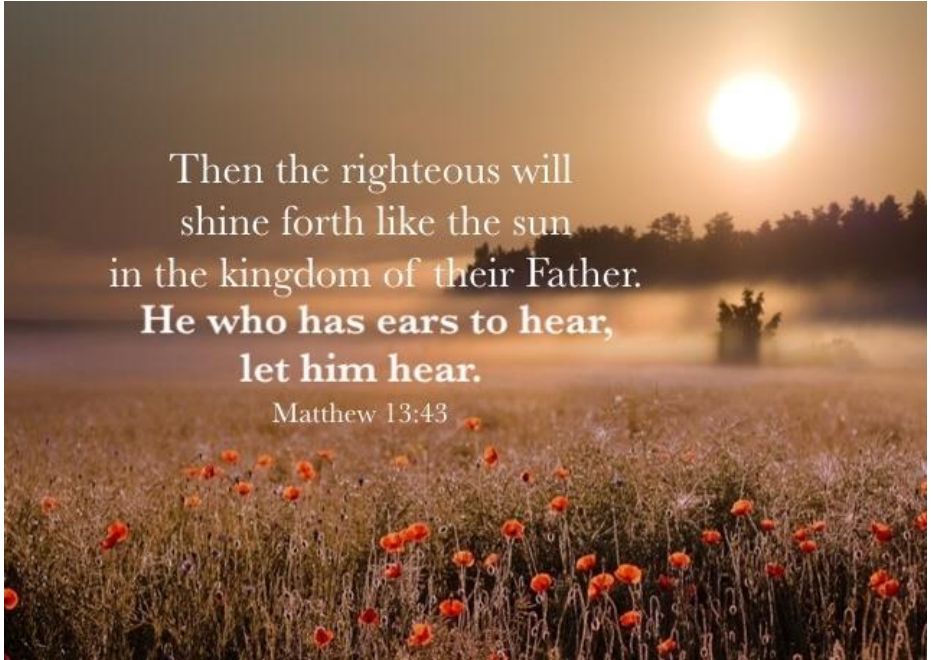


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



Then the righteous will
shine forth like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.
**He who has ears to hear,
let him hear.**

Matthew 13:43

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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:** Dale Berg, Kathy Corder, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Sandy Falk, Sandra Grimsley, Karen Hammer, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Myong Mayfield, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Theda Rinker, Diana Robbins, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Jenny Wendling

Homebound: Delphene Duckwitz, Lorene Frederking, Gert Heiden

Voter's Meeting: Today, Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

90th Birthday Card Shower Request: Howard Voelker will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 28, 2023. A "card shower" would be welcome and appreciated very much! His address is:

79 E 1100th Ave
Altamont, IL 62411

50th Anniversaries: In honor of their 50th wedding anniversaries, Dave & Betty Heiden (July 7th), Dan & Marilyn Burrow (July 22nd) and Rich & Debby Frailey (August 4th) are purchasing new collection plates for Immanuel.

60th Anniversary -Thank You: We appreciate all the cards & well wishes for our 60th Anniversary!

Helen & Don Zeigler

7/16/2023 Offerings: \$13,176.19 includes:

AfterSchool Care	\$100.00
IRA/Gift in Kind	\$568.19
Sanctuary Renovation	\$690.00

Financial In order to meet our general fund commitment for the month of June, \$10,000 was borrowed from the approved line of credit.

Mon. July 24

CEFS Week 1

Tues. July 25

Wed. July 26

6:15 AM

Men's BC – Good News: Comfort

Thur. July 27

1:00 PM

Sewing Seeds of Kindness

Friday July 28

Sat. July 29

10:00 AM

Eff County Fair Stand Work Begins

6:00 PM

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Sun. July 30

8:30 AM

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

9:45 AM

Bible Class: Parables of Jesus

11:00 AM

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Media DVD to Tower – Jordon Seals

“Jesus, who is all Man and all God, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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Sunday, 9:45 Pastor's Bible Class “Parables of Jesus” - Lower Level

Silk Purse Results: The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who volunteered at Silk Purse during June. We volunteered a total of 112 hours and received a check for \$3,000. Your help is appreciated!

Pork Burger Sale: There will be a pork burger and bake sale on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30-1:00 in the church parking lot to assist the Immanuel 150th anniversary celebration.

Junior/Senior LYF Mill Road Thresherman's Show is coming up August 10th – 13th. Thank you to those who have signed up. There is also a sign-up sheet in the youth and family corner at church.

Immanuel Fair Stand Schedule: *New workers—adult and youth—are encouraged to sign up to work a slot!* Please check the schedule in the lobby which is based on our prior year's scheduling to sign up or resign for Fair Stand shifts. We have many openings this year. **Mark with Y by your name if you are keeping the same slot as last year.** If you are unable to volunteer during the same designated slot, please cross out your name, give a suggested alternative or select a blank slot. **If your name is not crossed out by Sunday, July 16th, we will assume you are available to work during the designated time(s).**

Altamont Food Pantry: Tuesday, July 10th, we had a total of 34 participants for the food pantry.

Lutheran High School Nine local LCMS congregations have asked the LCMS to begin a study about the feasibility of a Lutheran High School in the area. We are awaiting the arrival of our study representative. Pray for clarity of God's will in this endeavor.

Cookbook Immanuel Ladies Aid will be putting together a cookbook to be available for purchase during our 150th celebration. We are asking all members to submit two of their favorite recipes to be included in our cookbook. You may either drop your recipes in the boxes at the entrances at church, or you may email your recipes to Immanuelrecipe@gmail.com.

Dollar for Missions: A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000...\$19,000 has been raised so far. See the short video at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJMriQtV8>

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.

Advance Date Grieving Together: August 22, 2023 at 10:00am at St John Lutheran Church in Effingham, Illinois.

Advance Date LWML Fall Rally September 19, 2023 4:30pm – 9:00pm

Advance Date Circuit Pastors Conference November 14, 9:00am - 2:00pm