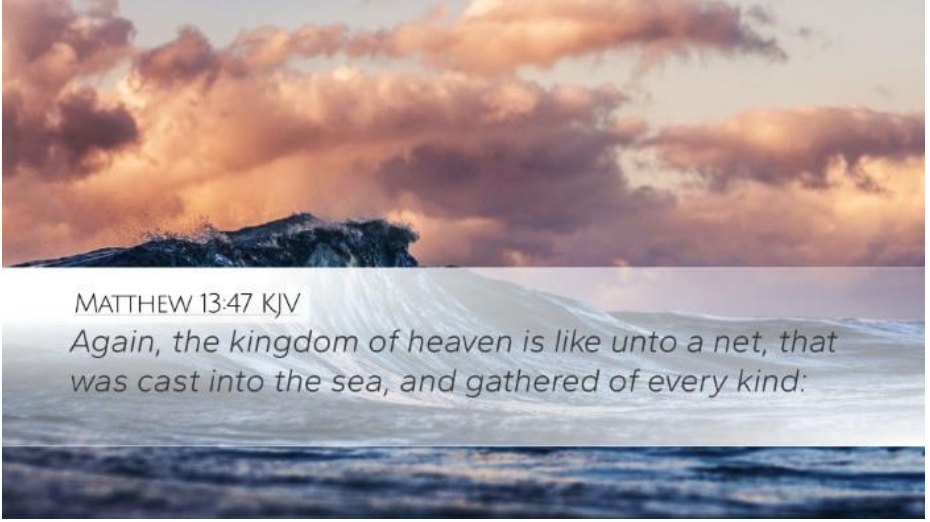


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



MATTHEW 13:47 KJV

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

Church:	618-483-6395	www.immanuelaltamont.org
Office Hours:	Monday-Friday	9AM-Noon & 1PM-4PM
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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, Heather Davis, Abbey Franzen, Sandy Falk, Sandra Grimsley, Sharon Hiser, Linda Holste, Myong Mayfield, Dennis Meseke, Russell Phillips, Theda Rinker, Diana Robbins, Patti Smith Sessions, Shirley Siddens, Evelyn Shumaker, Jenny Wendling

Homebound: Margaret Miller, Judy Oldham, Don Ousley

90th Birthday Card Shower Request: Howard Voelker celebrated 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

Effingham County Fair Parade: The 150th Anniversary Committee will be participating in the Effingham County Fair Parade **today, this afternoon 07-30-23**. Please meet at the **High School parking lot @ 3:15pm** and wear your anniversary T-shirts. We will be using the pickup truck with the banners, also the golf cart and would like as many walkers as possible to pass out goodies and show support for our Church. We will have about 6 spots for folks who cannot walk the parade but would like to be included and we can also have some of the walkers join us on the Fairgrounds like we did last year. Youth group members please consider joining us as your help last year was great! Any questions contact Mike Bowman 618-214-4632. Thank you!

7/23/2023 Offerings: Total Offering this week \$12,780.96
Includes: IRA/Gift in Kind \$2,000.00
Sanctuary Renovation \$180.00

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

<u>Sun July 30</u>	3:15 PM	Eff County Fair Parade meet at HS
<u>Mon. July 31</u>		CEFS Week 2 Fair Stand M-Sat
<u>Tues. August 1</u>	-----	-----
<u>Wed. August 2</u>	7:15 pm	Women's Bible Class
<u>Thur. August 3</u>	1:00 PM	Sewing Seeds of Kindness
	2:00 PM	Lutheran Care Center Service w/HC
<u>Friday August 4</u>	-----	-----
<u>Sat. August 5</u>	10:00 AM	Eff County Fair Stand Work Begins
	6:00 PM	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
<u>Sun. August 6</u>	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 -Steve Miller

“The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we’ll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps.” *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Class will not meet on Wednesday August 2nd.

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.

Thank You A sincere “Thank You” to everyone who sent cards for our 60th Anniversary. We look back to our 25 plus years we spent at Immanuel with many fond memories. Thanks again for remembering us!
God’s Blessings,
Bob and Carol Kassel

Sunday, 9:45 Pastor’s Bible Class The Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:15ff: "*Why is the Master Reaping Where He Did Not Sow?*" – Lower Level

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.

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

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.

Immanuel Fair Stand Schedule: Please check the schedule in the lobby for openings. *New workers—adult and youth—are encouraged to sign up to work!* Please try to find a replacement if you cannot make your scheduled time to work. Tomatoes are needed; drop off at Fairstand or the kitchen in the Parish Hall.

Altamont Food Pantry: This week we had a total of 47 who benefited from the Food Pantry on Tuesday, July 25th! We appreciate the donations of fresh vegetables from your gardens and welcome any fresh produce or other goods such as; meat, milk, toilet paper, shampoo, kid's cereal, etc. for the pantry. We have a refrigerator and freezer for items donated that need to be kept cold. With kids home for the summer we are seeing a need for increased items!! We are trying to get that corrected. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 1-3 only. The church is open from 9AM – 12, Monday – Thursday. Should the door be locked, please ring the doorbell. We are blessed and thank you for your generosity!

Lutheran High School Check out today's bulletin insert requesting participation in a Lutheran School Feasibility Study. This QR code links to survey



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.