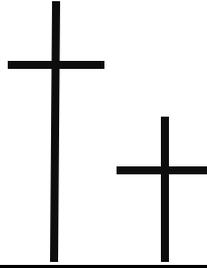


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(Trinity 3)

**“AND WHEN THEY WERE ALONE,
HE EXPLAINED ALL THINGS
TO HIS DISCIPLES.”**

MARK 4:34

HYMNS 776; 414; 507; 52

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Welcome to everyone who has come to share the Good News of the Gospel with us today! We ask our guests to please sign our guestbook in the entryway and invite you to join us regularly for worship!

For more information about our church, please contact:

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*Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction. Thank you!*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE – AS FOLLOWS

Pre-Service Meditation Psalm 1 (Red Hymnal pg. 123)

Pre-Service Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, You are perfect and holy in all You do, but in my life I give in to all sorts of temptations and fail to listen to You. Yet, in Your overwhelming mercy You gave up Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the payment for my sin. Send now, and give to me the Holy Spirit, so I would grow stronger and healthier in faith and in Your grace as I look forward to my eternal life you have promised. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

OPENING HYMN: #776 [Tan Supplement]

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

PASTOR: In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: (sings) Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

All: Amen!

(sung) P: The Lord be with you

C: And with your spirit.

P: Glory be to God on high

C: And on earth peace, good will toward men.

P: We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

P: O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: God the Father Almighty.

P: O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

P: Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: For You only are holy;

C: You only are the Lord.

P: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ *EZEKIEL 17:22-24*

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. **23** "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. **24** "And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

Congregational Praise (sung): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ *2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10*

Congregational Welcome (sung): Glory be to You, O Lord!

1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, **3** if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. **4** For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. **6** So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **7** For we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. **9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Congregational Response (sung): Praise be to You, O Christ!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 19:14

HYMN OF THE DAY: #414 [Red Hymnal]

SERMON MEDITATION

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Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

Mark 4:26-34

26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, **27** "and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. **28** "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. **29** "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? **31** "It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; **32** "but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." **33** And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. **34** But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

When the Holy Spirit 'Yields', you are blessed!

- I. We see the planting; He sees the harvest
- II. We see the small seed; He sees the mature plant

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

OFFERTORY

ALL (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: #779 [Tan Worship Supplement]

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

SPECIAL PRAYERS – GENERAL PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION

God's blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

ALL: (sings): Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #30:5-6 [Red Hymnal]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? 507.345.3027

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Online calendar www.immanuelmankato.org or go to www.facebook.com/ILSMankato

Sat Jun 16 6:00p Worship Service

7:00p Bible Study (An Historical Overview of Fellowship) basement

Sun Jun 17 8:15a Immanuel Meditations KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

9:00a Bible Study (An Historical Overview of Fellowship) basement

10:00a Worship Service

Tue Jun 19 3-5pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wed Jun 20 10:30a ILS Faculty Continued Ed @ILS

12:45p Worship Service: Charter #181 or Consolidated Communications #7

Thu Jun 21 5:45p Worship Service: Charter #181 or Consolidated Communications #7

Thu - Sun Jun 21-24 CLC Synodical Convention (Eau Claire, WI)

Fri Jun 22 6:30a Men's Breakfast (Followed by our study of Revelation)

Sat Jun 23 6:00p Worship Service

7:00p Bible Study (An Historical Overview of Fellowship) basement

Sun Jun 24 8:15a Immanuel Meditations KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

9:00a Bible Study (An Historical Overview of Fellowship) basement

10:00a Worship Service

Food Shelf Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 23-24, 2018

PREACHING Laymen Lead ♦ DEACON Scott Kruse ♦ ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

SOUND Gabe Starnd ♦ VIDEO Mike Schweim ♦ SCREEN Clifford Kuehn

HEAD USHER Joe Friedrichs ♦ USHERS Ben Busse; Jacob Busse; Adam Geiger; Mark Geiger;

Sam Geschwind; Sam Hagan; Devon Libby; Karl Mueller; Dan Nelson; Bernt Olmanson;

Collin Schreyer; Wayne Timm

UPCOMING DATES:

Jun 27 11:00a Ladies Auxiliary Spring luncheon (Pizza Ranch)

Last Week's Attendance Saturday 83 + Sunday 203 = 286

Saturday 'Sunday' School: Sunday School: Ambassadors:

Saturday Bible Class: 15 Sunday Bible Class: 61 Men's Breakfast: 19

Last Week's Fruits of Faith:

- Received
- Needed

Immanuel

\$9,682

\$13,976

CLC

\$583

\$1,192

Endowment - **\$35**

Major Improvement - **\$60**

Mission Development - **\$70**

Immanuel Student Aid - **\$50**

Land Purchase - **\$76**

Food Shelf - **\$5**

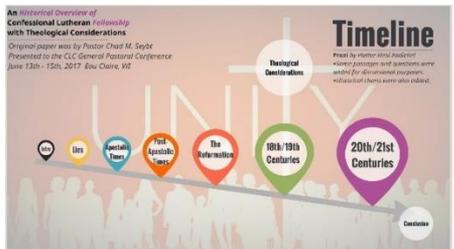
New Equipment Fund - **\$25**

IN OUR PRAYERS *If hospitalized, please let a pastor or deacon know if you'd like a visit!*

Shut-ins: **COMING SOON** Evelyn Chase (Lutheran Home), Eileen Gantner (Woodlands), Dan Immel (Woodlands), Ed Jacobs (868 W Scott St), Gloria Jacobs (Woodlands), Doris Kaiser (Woodlands), Jeanette Koipe (675 S. Main St.), John Lenburg (769 Mustang Ln), Marion Mach (Lutheran Home), Lois "Jean" Martin (Lutheran Home), Jim Steffen (Harbor Haven), Leah Wirkus (Lutheran Home).

Out of Town Pastor Naumann and his family will be out of town for the next two weeks visiting family in Washington. Please contact Pastor Radichel during this time 920.268.8002.

What difference does it make? What's the history behind the split between the CLC, Wisconsin, ELS and Missouri synods? How far back does it go? How much does it matter? Come join us for Bible Class Saturday evening at 7PM and Sunday morning at 9AM for this important study. The doctrine and practice of fellowship goes back much farther and has a far deeper impact than you may think!



Psalm 51:6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

CLC CALL NEWS Mrs. Samantha Kelly, member at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. has accepted their call to be music teacher at their school. <> Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. has called the Rev. Robert Sauers, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN. <> Teacher Seth Schaller, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has returned the call to Faith school, Markesan WI.

VBS FLYER HELP! The Evangelism Committee is looking for adult and child volunteers to hand out candy and VBS flyers during the July 4th and July 7th Parades. The sign-up sheet will be

located in the narthex. For any questions please call Daniel Pfeiffer at 507-304-3473. We thank you for your willingness to help promote our church and spread the Gospel!

Lutheran Spokesman It's time to renew or sign up for a subscription. There are amazing discounts this year. Renewal is only \$10 and new subscribers are just \$5! This is a one-time offer this year, so consider giving this as a gift or for yourself. Sign up/renewal sheet will be in the narthex. Please write checks to Immanuel Church and put in payment box by June 17.

VBS is Approaching! "Build on the Rock" Vacation Bible School at Immanuel will be July 23 thru July 27. Volunteers needed! Signup sheet is in the narthex. Registration is coming soon!

Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon Ladies and Gentlemen of Immanuel Congregation are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary for lunch and fellowship Wednesday, June 27 at the Pizza Ranch in Mankato at 11:00 am. The enclosed meeting room has been reserved. Please tell the cashier you are part of the Immanuel group to receive a discount. Contact Donna Klammer at 507-625-3532 for more information. Good food, Great company. See you there!

ISLAND Youth Retreat is Aug 1-5! ISLAND is for youth adults entering 9th grade to those who have just graduated. It's an amazing weekend with friends at the lake and growing in your faith and fellowship! Info packets are available through islandyouthretreat@gmail.com. Register through immanuelmankato.org today!

Finding direction from our Lord?

Based on the information that we have received back so far, our **Expansion Relocation Committee (ERC)** continues to look at and attempt to address the congregation's ideas and feedback for Immanuel's future. Here are a few:

1. **Financial.** If the concern is strictly financial this is something which, Lord willing, can be addressed with planning and saving. Trying to support a multimillion-dollar mortgage could be a daunting commitment. However, if we are committed to this over a long term we can start to put away a large down payment which would lead to a much smaller mortgage payment.
2. **Need to move?** There are many benefits to moving and or expanding that have been shared. The Rasmussen property (or a similar idea) allows the option for more classrooms, preschool, and future growth and expansion.
3. **Is Rasmussen the right opportunity?** Rasmussen is certainly a nice property, but it may leave some challenges (like financial). If you are in favor of the expansion or relocation, but don't like the Rasmussen property, please indicate that on the form on the next page.

The Lord alone is the one who moves hearts to give to the work of His kingdom. Please prayerfully review the back of this page, fold it, and place it in an offering plate or in the entryway box by **July 1, 2018**. Thank you!

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

Responses	Donations	Loans	Offerings increase per/yr	Volunteers
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IF YOU HAVEN'T FILLED OUR A FORM YET ...

Please help our Voters get a feel for what the Lord has moved our hearts to do at this time.

Fold this form and place in the offering plate or entryway black box no later than July 1, 2018. Thank you!

DONATION

- At this time, I would consider donating \$_____ to the Rasmussen or similar project.

LOAN

- At this time, I would consider loaning \$_____ at a rate of interest of _____% (from 0-2%).

OFFERINGS

- At this time, I would consider adding \$_____ to my regular offering to this project or similar.

VOLUNTEER

- At this time, I would consider helping with various additional work activities such as cleaning, painting, deconstruction, help with fund raising, or any other building activities that may come up.

OTHER COMMENTS

- At this time, I would not consider supporting this project in the future, because... (please share why)