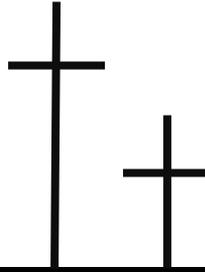


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For thus says the Lord GOD:

**'Behold, I, I myself will
search for my sheep and
will seek them out.'**

Welcome! We are excited to share the Good News of the Gospel with you! If you are visiting us today, please sign our guestbook in the entryway. We invite you to join us again.

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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.**

FIRST LESSON

MATTHEW 24: 37-44

This is a continuation of last week's Gospel reading and the description of the Lord's return. Jesus compares the Lord's return to the Flood, pointing out how some taken and others left. Those who are taken, like Noah are delivered from judgment. Those who are left receive the just punishment of sin in hell. Jesus exhorts us to be prepared for that day. We don't know when He is coming again.

37 "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 "Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 "Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be

taken and the other left. 42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON**REVELATION 22: 6-15**

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

We are not to worship anything but God alone. When the Lord returns again as He has promised, there will be no turning back. On Judgment Day you won't be able to hide who and what you are. God knows our heart. The sin and rebellion of every person will be clearly revealed, as will the faith of the one who trusts in the righteousness of Christ for salvation.

Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare...

But in keeping with Jesus' promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. Bearing in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote with the wisdom that God gave him... that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children (pre-school-2nd grade) are invited to come forward and gather around the pastor in the front of the church.

HYMN:

606 *Red Hymnal*

O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking

SERMON MEDITATION

EZEKIEL 34: 11-16

sermons and services online at www.immanuelmankato.org

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. **12** As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. **14** I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. **16** I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

How does Jesus count sheep?

1. He counts you not sleepily, but urgently!
2. He counts you not worthless, but priceless!

*Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel
Sermon Note sheets available in the narthex*

OFFERTORY

♪ 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.

HYMN:

627 *Red Hymnal*

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

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

OFFERING MEDITATION: Rejoice Always, arr. N. Radichel
(1 Thessalonians 5)

The Lord will come like a thief in the night.

But you are sons of the light -not of the night.

Then let us not be like others, who sleep.

For He died for us so we will not weep.

Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing;

Give thanks always, For this is the will of God

Comfort and build each other up.

No matter how full or empty your cup.

And let patience fill you in all you do through and through

Pursue what is good as He did for you.

He who calls you is faithful in every way,

And may His Grace be with you until that Final Day.

OFFERING HYMN:

400 (v. 1, 6) *Red Hymnal*

Take my Life and Let it Be

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

God's blessing of His people (Number 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.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

604 (v. 4) *Red Hymnal*

**Great God, What
Do I See and Hear?**

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Hanel; Jay Hanel; Ty Hanel; Dennis Heinze; Brett Kruse; Andy
Olmanson; Luke Olmanson; Mick Rykhus; Russ Schmitt; Alex Schmitt;
Ron Wolle; Steve Wolle

SERVING US NEXT WEEKEND

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ **DEACON** Scott Kruse ♦ **ORGANIST** Colleen Matzke
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FLOWERS Viv Hanel ♦ **HEAD USHER** Joe Friedrichs ♦ **ASSISTANT** Kevin Moeri
USHERS Ben Busse; Jacob Busse; Sherman Carstensen; Jason Dick; Mark
Geiger; Sam Geschwind; Sam Hagen; Karl Mueller; Bernt Olmanson;
Wayne Timm; Michael Wheaton

LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Saturday Worship: **66**
 Sunday Worship: **286**
 Weekend Total: **352**

Saturday Bible Class: **13**
 Saturday School: **8**
 Sunday Bible Class: **52**
 Sunday School: **47**
 Ambassadors: **8**

Bible Studies

- Adult Instruction: **7**
- Men's Breakfast: **21**
- New Perspective: **6**
- Old Main: **5**
- Walnut Towers: **7**

Fruits of Faith

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| Church-Benevolent \$2 | Tuition Aid \$40 |
| Church-Land Purchase \$130 | CLC-MDF \$75 |
| Church-Major Improvement \$150 | CLC-Kinship \$25 |
| ILS Mankato-Foundation \$20 | CLC-ILC Building \$20 |
| ILS Mankato-Student Aid \$435 | |
| CLC-ILC Student Aid \$50 | |
| In memory of Shane Anderson \$250 | |



Did you know?

Offerings specifically designated to "Current Expenses" as well as any offering without a designation provide the money necessary to fund our church. These offerings are used to pay salaries; cover the costs of utilities, maintenance, and insurance for our property; and provide the funds necessary for our radio ministry and other local outreach efforts.

THIS WEEK

more event details can be found in our online calendars at www.immanuelmankato.org

- Sat Nov 17 Gym CLOSED for painting**
- 6:00p** Worship
 - 7:00p** Bible Study *in the high school language classroom*
 - 7:30p** ILHS Drama Club Performance *in the church basement*
- Sun Nov 18 Gym CLOSED for painting**
- 8:15a** Radio Sermon, *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
 - 9:00a** Bible Study *in the church basement* & Sunday School *in classrooms*
 - 10:00a** Worship
 - 2:00p** ILHS Drama Club Matinee Performance *in the church basement*
- Mon Nov 19 8:10a** ILS K-6 Devotion *in the church sanctuary*
- Tues Nov 20 10:00a** New Perspective Senior Living Bible Study, *100 Dublin Road*
- 3-5p** Pastors' Office Hours
 - 6:30p** Study Guild *in the church basement – use church office entry*
Serving: Grace Schreyer and Kristen Friedrichs
 - 7:00p** Durst Home Bible Study (Romans 15)
- Wed Nov 21 No ILS School (Thanksgiving break)**
- 12:45p** Televised Worship Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*

- Wed Nov 21 5:00p** NO Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) this week
6:00p Thanksgiving (Eve) Worship Service
- Thu Nov 22 Happy Thanksgiving!**
No ILS School (Thanksgiving break)
10:00a Thanksgiving Worship Service
5:45p Televised Worship Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
6:00p NO Church Choir Rehearsal this week
- Fri Nov 23 No ILS School (Thanksgiving break)**
6:30a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *in the basement*
- Sat Nov 24 6:00p** Worship
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
- Sun Nov 25 Food Shelf Sunday, Contact: Paula 507-625-6220**
8:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement* & Sunday School *in classrooms*
10:00a Christ the King Sunday Worship
6:30p Deacons Meeting

SAVE THE DATES

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- November 30 Church Christmas Decorating 5 – 7 pm
- December 1 Church Christmas Decorating 9 – 11 am
- 5 Advent Exchange Worship Services at 1 pm and 6 pm
- 5 ILHS Banquet Discussion at 7 pm
- 12 Advent Exchange Worship Services at 1 pm and 6 pm
- 19 Advent Exchange Worship Services at 1 pm and 6 pm
- 20 Kiwanis Holiday Lights Volunteer Night from 4:40 pm – 9:00 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service at 6 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Worship Service at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRAMA CLUB: The ILHS Drama Club is presenting its fall play, Breaking News, this weekend. Remaining performances are Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Free will donations are appreciated.

NO SUNDAY BASKETBALL this weekend due to scheduled maintenance.

WOMENS STUDY GUILD meets this Tuesday, November 20, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Use the church office entrance. Please consider joining us for this devotion, short business meeting and fellowship time. For more information, email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact President Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

CHURCH DECORATING: Come enjoy time with your family and friends while helping to decorate the church. Everyone is welcome! There are two opportunities to help: Friday, November 30, at 5 pm, or Saturday, December 1, at 9 am. WSO will provide beverages and music. Feel free to bring a food item to share.

- **Friday at 5 pm:** we will pull all decorations out of the attic and assemble the trees (fluffing the tree branches as well as adding light strands and tree toppers as we assemble).
- **Saturday at 9 am:** we will finish the trees (fluffing and ornaments), hang wreaths and garlands, set up window displays and nativity sets, and distribute pew cards.

INVITATION: *ILHS Banquet Discussion* ILS Faculty is holding an open forum on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 pm, to discuss Banquet. We invite all past, present, and future school families to attend this discussion in the gym and share your thoughts. The input collected at this forum will inform the development of documentation to assist future Junior & Senior classes, parents and faculty with Banquet and the after-Banquet party each year. Questions, contact Kyle Ochsner Kyle.Ochsner@ImmanuelMankato.org

SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER: The senior class will be selling cookie dough to help fund their senior class trip. If you would like to support the seniors in their fundraising efforts, please stop by the table in the stairwell between the church and school after the service. The orders and payment will be taken through November 26 and the cookie dough will be delivered by the seniors around December 12. Thank you for your support of Immanuel Lutheran School and the class of 2019!

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY: To make it easy for members to donate to the local food shelf (ECHO, 1014 South Front Street, Mankato), we have a donations area where you can drop off items when you are in our building. The drop off area is in the coat rack by the church office entrance where you will find boxes in which to put your nonperishable food items. Please put all items in bags so that they are easier to transport and make sure items are not expired. Typically, the last Sunday of the month is Food Shelf Sunday but donations are taken any time. Please note that ECHO Food Shelf can purchase food at a better price than we can and therefore your financial donations are appreciated. You can donate financially by placing a check for ECHO in the offering plate or by mailing directly to ECHO Food Shelf. PO Box 3212, Mankato, MN 56002.

ECHO is regularly in need of high demand nonperishable items such as cereal, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, boxed main dishes, condiments, juices, personal hygiene items, diapers, wipes and pullups. For more information, visit www.echofoodshelf.org. Thank you for supporting ECHO Food Shelf and those who are served through their efforts!



WANTED: *Women, Men or Youth who are artistically inclined* to help in making cards to send to housebound members of the congregation. Prayerfully consider using your gifts to serve the church whether you work in oils, watercolors, colored pencil, paper craft, or other mediums. For your responses as soon as possible to this calling and for more information, call Marlys Leiding at 625-2186 or heller@hickorytech.net.

2019 MISSION HELPER TRIP Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7, 2019. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Find more information or apply online at: www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com.

FYI: AED RELOCATED The church AED is currently stored and accessible in the Deacons Room. This AED has historically been accessible in the entry just outside the narthex in the hallway entering the school.

FYI: CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATES The church library was relocated during renovations of the pastors' office area. It is currently housed in the basement conference room although plans are underway to move it to more accessible and visible locations. Stay tuned for updates to come in the near future. Should you want to access the library resources in the meantime, please connect with one of the pastors, deacons, faculty, or head ushers to get into the basement conference room.

AVAILABLE: If anyone would like a large ficus bush, please contact Lane Fischer at Lane.Fischer@ImmanuelMankato.org.

WANTED: Altar Flowers Volunteers are needed for November 2018 through April 2019. Opportunities to volunteer are listed below. Volunteers for each month coordinate with each other to ensure all worship services are covered. To sign up or get additional information, please see the posted sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257 or StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org

December 2018 1) Grace, 387-7758
2) Kristen, 382-5257

March 2019 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

January 2019 1) Karla, 625-3381
2) _____

April 2019 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

February 2019 1) Laura, 469-4758
2) _____

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!

INVITATION: German Christmas Services

All are invited to German Christmas Services hosted by CLC Congregations in the Dakotas:

December 8 at 10:30 am – Prince of Peace Care Center – Ellendale, ND

December 9 at 2 pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church – Bowdle, SD

Familiar German carols will be sung. The readings and prayers are in German with an English sermon. A German Christmas cookie reception will follow the service in Bowdle. Contact Pastor_Daub@hotmail.com for more information. If you are in the area, consider making it a part of your Christmas celebrations. If not, please pray that many who learned das Evangelium (Gospel) auf Deutsch as a youth may come hear of the Christkinds (Christ-child's) blood and merit as their unchanging and eternal salvation still today. *Denn uns ist ein Kind geboren, ein Sohn ist uns gegeben!* (Is. 9:6)

