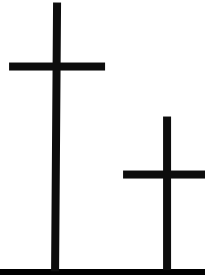


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4th Sunday in Advent

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.*

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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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 93 (*Red Hymnal pg. 143*)

Prayer *Holy Redeemer, Prince of Peace, though You appeared here in lowliness to free us from our sins, and to establish peace between us and our God, we have Your promise that You will come again in great power to judge all hearts, and fill Your church with eternal glory. We await Your advent with eagerness and joy! Amen!*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement 2000, pg 12ff

Preparation for Worship

Hymn

239 *Red Hymnal*

Come Thou Almighty King

INVOCATION

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Service of the Word

♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON

2 KINGS 1: 2-17A (ESV)

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 93

P: The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty;

C: **The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.**

P: Surely the world is established,

C: **So that it cannot be moved.**

P: Your throne is established from of old;

C: **You are from everlasting.**

P: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up
their voice;

C: **The floods lift up their waves.**

P: The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,
C: **Than the mighty waves of the sea.**

P: Your testimonies are very sure;
C: **Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.**

CHURCH CHOIR

SAVIOR OF THE NATION, COME

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 1: 19-28

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
These words are written that we may believe
that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BAPTISM: *Connor William Baldwin,*
 born November 4, 2018, to Chad and Kyla

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTOLIC 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.

Hymn of the Day
90 (v. 1-4, 7-8) *Red Hymnal*

**Come Your Hearts
and Voices Raising**

SERMON MEDITATION

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6** do

not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEPRESSANTS

1. Everlasting Joy
2. Peace with God

*Preaching today Pastor Joe Naumann
Sermon note sheets available in the narthex*

OFFERTORY

TAN HYMNAL PG 16

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn

72 Red Hymnal

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Offering Meditation: **Crown Him**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

♪ **Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On earth as it is heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
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.**

Arr. By Mary Kay Bottens

BENEDICTION

C:  Amen.

Hymn

79 Red Hymnal

Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn

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SERVING US ON CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC 24)

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ORGANIST Lane Fischer ♦ PIANIST Bonnie Cornish ♦ SOUND Craig Stelter
FLOWERS Trudy Dackins, Lane Fischer, Donna Klammer & Grace Schreyer
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**

SERVING US ON CHRISTMAS DAY (DEC 25)

**PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Scott Kruse ♦ ORGANIST Colleen Matzke
SOUND Gabe Strand ♦ SCREEN Rachael Hanel
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Geschwind; Sam Hagen; Karl Mueller; Bernt Olmanson; Wayne Timm;
Michael Wheaton**

SERVING US NEXT WEEKEND (DEC 29 – 30)

**PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON Ted Schreyer ♦ ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish
SOUND Brent Schreyer ♦ VIDEO Alan Olmanson ♦ SCREEN Cliff Kuehne
FLOWERS Trudy Dackins, Lane Fischer, Donna Klammer & Grace Schreyer
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V Frank, J Friedrichs, M Hagen, J Hanel, D Heinze, J Heinze, S Kruse,
Z Lien, M Matzke, K Moeri, D Pfeiffer, M Rykhus, T Schreyer, B Stratton,
R Timm, L Wendt**

LAST WEEK

Gatherings

December 15-16

Saturday Worship: **67**

Sunday Worship: **302**

Weekend Total: **369**

Saturday Bible Study: **6**

Saturday School: **3**

Sunday Bible Study: **39**

Sunday School: **37**

Ambassadors: **7**

December 19

1 PM Worship: **38**

6 PM Worship: **139**

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: **9**

Men's Breakfast: **19**

New Perspective: **9**

Old Main: **5**

Primrose: **4**

Study Guild: **10**

Walnut Towers: **10**

Fruits of Faith

Church-Land Purchase **\$100**

Church-Major Improvement **\$75**

ILS Mankato-Foundation **\$40**

ILS Mankato-Student Aid **\$385**

Men's Breakfast **\$330.60**

In memory of LaDonna Boettcher

ILS Mankato-Foundation **\$5,000**

Tuition Aid **\$40**

CLC-ILC Building **\$65**

CLC-ILC Student Aid **\$25**

CLC-Kinship **\$25**

CLC-MDF **\$115**

Immanuel

Current Expenses

■ Received

\$15,668

■ Needed

\$19,345

CLC

General Missions

\$736

\$2,099

Did you know?

Offerings specifically designated to the "Local Mission Helper Fund" are intended to provide help for our members who wish to participate in synod mission opportunities, both in the United States and overseas. For example, a few years back, four of our members (one adult and three students) went on a Mission Helper Trip to India with the goal of sharing the gospel message of Christ with children. The money collected that year was split evenly among the three students going to India.

THIS WEEK

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

Sat Dec 22 6:00p WORSHIP

7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*

Sun Dec 23 8:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*

9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement*

9:00a Sunday School - *see online calendar for specific class room locations*

10:00a WORSHIP

11:00a Christmas Eve Practice *in the sanctuary*

11:00a Help fill Christmas Eve giveaway bags *in the church basement*

11:00a Special Voters Meeting *in the gym*

Mon Dec 24 ILS Christmas Break, returning on Thursday, January 3

6:00p WORSHIP (Children's Program)

Tues Dec 25 10:00a Christmas Day WORSHIP

Wed Dec 26 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*

5:00p No Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) this week

- Thu Dec 27 10:00a** Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E. Walnut Street*
1:30p Bible Study, *Old Main, 301 S. Fifth Street*
5:00p Adult Instruction Class *in the language classroom*
5:30p ILS Grade School Boys 7-8 vs Risen Savior
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
6:00p Church Choir Rehearsal *in the sanctuary*
- Fri Dec 28 6:30a** No Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
8a-10a Pastors' Office Hours
- Sat Dec 22 10:00a** Bible Study, *Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*
6:00p **WORSHIP**
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
- Sun Dec 23 ECHO FOOD SHELF Sunday** (contact Paula Stelter 625-6220)
8:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement*
9:00a Sunday School - *see online calendar for specific class room locations*
10:00a **WORSHIP**

SAVE THE DATES

December	31	New Year's Eve WORSHIP at 6 pm
January	1	New Year's Day WORSHIP (Favorite Hymns Service) at 10 am
February	1-3	Ambassadors Whitewater Camp – <i>watch for additional info to come</i>
March	22-24	Midwest Women's Retreat in Winona – <i>see announcement for more info</i>

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICE All children of our congregation are welcome to join in our Christmas Eve Service that will take place on December 24 at 6pm. It is very important that ALL children attend the practice **this Sunday after the worship service in the sanctuary**. Please plan to attend these practices so that our children are prepared and ready to share God's Word on Christmas Eve. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE GIVEAWAY BAGS If available, your assistance will be appreciated **this Sunday after the worship service in the church basement** to fill the paper giveaway bags for Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING Congregation President Ted Schreyer has granted a request by Council to hold a Special Voters meeting **this Sunday following the worship service in the gym**. The agenda includes several membership matters resulting from recent member contact efforts and one excommunication consideration.

FOR SALE: Seasonal Cards Christmas cards are available to purchase in the card display located in the hallway outside the church offices. Cards are 50 cents each.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES The new year is fast approaching and the 2019 Contribution Envelopes are labeled and available for pick-up in the church basement. Some members were assigned new numbers due to a reduced number of ordered boxes because more members are mailing in their contributions. A new option, unnumbered envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you use envelopes but do not wish to have an entire year's supply, the unnumbered envelopes provide an excellent option. Speak with Douglas Schaller or Leif Olmanson for information on getting a new assigned number and allowing your box of numbered envelopes to be used for new members.

FYI: CHURCH LIBRARY The church library has a new home! You may check out our library resources in the following locations:

- Children and parenting materials along with novels by Christian authors are available in the mother's room.
- Most of the devotion and study materials are available in the narthex.
- Some theological materials are available in the pastor's offices.

Please check out materials using the cards found inside the front cover. Leave the card in the card box. Return materials to the return box. The suggested loan period is up to 4 weeks. If you need assistance finding any of these resources, please ask a deacon or a pastor.

REMINDER: *ECHO Food Shelf Sunday Next Weekend* To make it easy for members to donate to the local food shelf in Mankato (ECHO, 1014 South Front St), 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 also 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: *Altar Flowers Volunteers* are still needed for January 2019 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

- January 2019 1) Karla, 625-3381
 2) _____
- February 2019 1) Laura, 469-4758
 2) _____

- March 2019 1) Mark, _____
 2) _____
 3) _____

FOR SALE: 2019 God's Creation Calendars WSO and Study Guild are selling 2019 God's Creation calendars for \$7.00. A sample calendar is available to preview. You can find the sample, a sign-up order sheet and payment box in the narthex next to the guest registry. Checks can be made out to Immanuel Study Guild. **We still have available calendars.** Please sign-up in the narthex and/or contact Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257 or at wso@immanuelmankato.org. *Any profits will offset costs of fellowship meals.*

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! The deacons and other volunteers have recently been making many phone calls to members we do not believe we have seen for a while. There have been many encouraging connections! But we need YOUR help now too. Look over the following list of members on the next two pages. The information we have for them is NOT current. **Please, pass along ANY contact information you may have to the pastors so we can reach out to these brothers and sisters in Christ!**

Amundson, Matthew	Enter, Eric	Johnson, Scott
Amundson, Nicole	Fraze, Jeri	Jones, Justin
Anderson, Joel	Garang, Mary	Kellogg, Alyssa
Anderson, Jordan	Gibson, Matthew	Kerns, Amanda
Anderson, Nancy	Guentzel, Larry	Kerns, Barb
Anderson, Wm., Sr.	Guentzel, Ron	Lanes, Lindsay
Becker, Dale	Harmon, Carol	Lang, Gilbert
Bissell, Judy	Helmets, Hannah Heinze	Lang, Linda
Born, David	Hendley, Vicki	Otto, Anthony
Brandt, Dianne	Herme, Holden	Petersen, Dennis
Broviak, Clinton	Herme, Steven	Pettis, Julie
Broviak, Katelyn	Hiniker, Rita	Rasmussen, Laura
Broviak, Penny	Hiniker, Terry	Ruae, Sarah
Clobes, Michael	Hoffman, Ryan	Schultz, Donald
Cole, Lois	Hofman, Rick	Strege, Julie
Dummer, Jon	Jackson, Carol	Tester, Jessica
Dummer, Tamara	Johnson, David	Wreath, Howard
Edwards, Ronald	Johnson, Roxann	

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NEEDED: CLC KINSHIP Sponsors The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. There are both students and orphans that will not have financial support starting in January if new sponsors are not found. Please give this prayerful consideration. For more information, please email, call or text Dan Roehl at danroehl@hotmail.com or 507-381-2042.

2019 MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT Registration for the retreat opens on January 1, is \$75 and is limited to the first 120 applicants. The retreat will be held March 22-24, at the Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona. Registration information can be found at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Hotel reservations are separate from retreat registration and can be made by calling (507) 452-0606. Be sure to mention the retreat to get the block rate. Deadline for both retreat registration and hotel reservations is February 22.

CLC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST (DECEMBER 2018)

Nepal – It was recently reported by our brother in Kathmandu that more than one hundred non-Nepalese individuals were accused of violating the newly enacted anti-conversion laws. These individuals had their visas revoked and were deported for participating in religious activities and evangelism. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nepal have not yet had any trouble but they are being very careful with their outreach efforts. The first deportations were reported in a local Nepali newspaper back in July. Pray that the Lord will protect our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nepal as they continue to proclaim God's saving word with boldness and confidence.

Myanmar – Pastor Charles in Yangon reports that the ongoing The Rohingya Crisis has brought a lot of international political pressure causing a rather un-settled political climate in Myanmar. These struggles have caused much hardship for many of God's children that he serves. Pray that the Lord will provide for all the needs of His people and give them the strength to persevere as they continue to serve the Lord in the midst of these trials.

Nigeria – Islamic extremists, who until recently have been concentrated in the north of Nigeria, have been moving into and causing problems in the areas where the NCLC are located. Just recently four Catholic priests in the area were kidnapped and held for ransom. Also, violent Islamic protests in the capital city of Abuja resulted in the Nigerian Army opening fire on the protestors and killing several. In addition to all of this, local and national elections are scheduled for early 2019 with several Muslim candidates running for offices. Many fear violence if these Muslim candidates are not elected. Pray!

Nigeria – Rejoice in the Lord's provision as two men who have successfully completed the five-year seminary course of the NCLC Luther Bible Institute will graduate, be ordained, and assigned to a congregation on December 15th! Pray that the Lord will bless their ministry!

Nigeria – There are six men who have applied to enter the seminary beginning in January. Their applications are being reviewed by the faculty. If all of the men are approved for enrollment, this will be one of the largest classes to begin the five-year seminary course. Pray that the Lord will bless the students and faculty in their work and that He will provide them all that is necessary to prepare themselves for the public ministry.

Nigeria – Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Nigeria-CLC are facing a variety of challenges as they work together to provide both spiritual and bodily care for orphaned children. Please pray that the Lord will provide them the wisdom, compassion, and all that is needed to carry out this important work.

India – It was recently reported by our brothers of the CLCI that they are facing increased persecution by Hindu extremists. Just a few weeks ago the CLCI was conducting outreach evangelism in a village. During the evangelism effort several Hindu extremists began

