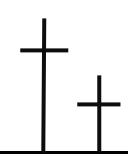
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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

Psalm 37:3

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

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MMANUEL LUTHERAN

## Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 119 (pg. 151, red hymnal)

Oh LORD, You are my shepherd and I should not be in want, but so often I struggle to be content and do want; forgetting that You have graciously provided me with every spiritual blessing in Christ and everything I need for this life. Help me to be content in You with what You have given me and to not be focused on what my flesh wants or the world tells me I should have. According to Your Word and steadfast love, fill me with the joy and satisfaction of forgiveness and contentment in Christ. Help me learn to be content in any situation like Paul and to quickly reject the idolatry that dwells beneath the surface of my coveting. Thank You for often not giving me what I want because my desires would draw my heart from being satisfied in You. Send me the Holy Spirit again today, that I may be refreshed by You in my eternal inheritance! In Jesus' name, Amen.

# ····· ORDER OF WORSHIP ·····

## Special Service Theme: FEEDING ON THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

services online at www.immanuelmankato.org

#### THE INVOCATION

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

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation (C): (speaks) Amen.** 

#### A PSALM OF DAVID

PSALM 37: 1-8

- P: Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
- C: For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.
- P: Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
- C: Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
- P: Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.
- C: Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;
- P: Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
- C: Do not fret it only causes harm.

**ALL: Amen!** 

**OPENING HYMN: 353** 

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.
- C: And You forgave the guilt of my sin.
- P: For evildoers shall be cut off;
- C: But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.
- P: For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more.
- C: But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- P: The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.
- C: The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.
- P: The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.
- C: Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.
- P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our 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!
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: (speaks) And also with you.
- P: Let us pray...
- C: (speaks) Amen.

God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored! All creation shows Your glory; heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets, saints who set their world ablaze, martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, join one growing song of praise, while Your Church on earth confesses one majestic Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, everlasting Son of God, humble was Your virgin mother, hard the lonely path You trod; by Your cross is sing defeated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven opened to believers, sinners justified by grace.

ALL: Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants for whose freedom You have paid; raise us up from dust to glory; guard us from all sin today. King enthroned above all praises, save Your people, God, we pray.

## A LESSON ON BEING CONTENT WITH CHRIST

16 A little that a righteous man has Is better than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous. 18 The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever. 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

#### OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTOLIC CREED

PSALM 37: 16-20

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: 196** "I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still"

#### A LESSON ON DIGGING INTO DEBT

PSALM 37: 21-29

21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives. 22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. 28 For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

HYMN: 788 (V. 1-2)

"Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver"

## 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

HE KNOWS MY NAME (Tommy Walker)

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began, My life was in His hands.
He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls, and He hears me when I call.
I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go.

## **OFFERING HYMN: 788** (**v. 3**)

"Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver"

Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's call, Gladly in all times and places, Give to You who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer, Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger, We shall serve You, Lord, alone!

## A LESSON ON INHERITING PEACE

PSALM 37: 30-38

30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him. 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged. 34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree. 36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found. 37 Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace. 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

#### **OFFERTORY**

THE LUTHERAN HYMNAL (PAGE 22)

C: Def 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY & 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.

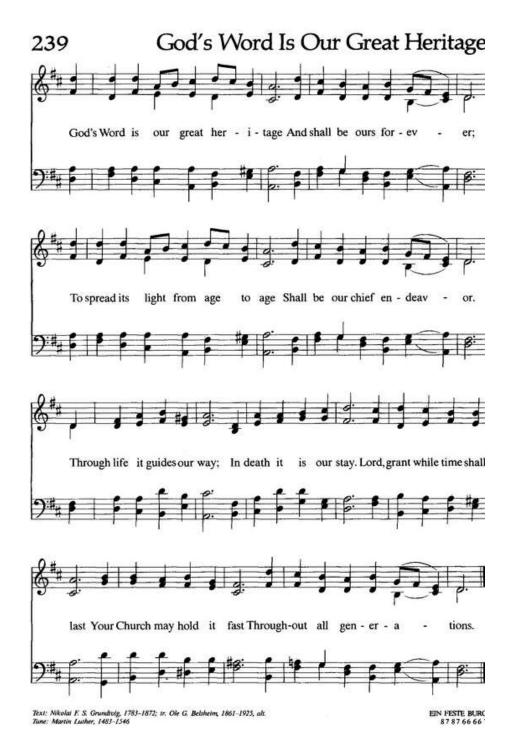
#### BENEDICTION BLESSING

Psalm 37: 39-40; Number 6:24-26

- P: But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
- C: He is their strength in the time of trouble.
- P: And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked,
- C: And save them, Because they trust in Him.
- 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: (spoken) Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: 239 (LBW)** "God's Word is our Great Heritage" as printed on the next page (page 7) of the bulletin



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## LAST WEEK

#### Attendance

Saturday Worship: 109 Sunday Worship: 240 Weekend Total: 349

Saturday Communion: 71
Sunday Communion: 176
Communion Total: 247
Saturday Bible Class: 17
Saturday School: 12
Sunday Bible Class: 46
Sunday School: N/R

Bible Studies
Pathstone: 24
Autumn Grace: 11
New Perspective: 9
Durst Home: 7
Walnut Towers: 9
Old Main: 8

Men's Breakfast: 26

#### Fruits of Faith

Church-Benevolent: \$60 Tuition Aid: \$40 Church Land Purchase: \$125 Church-Major Improvement: \$150 CLC-MDF: \$205

ILS Mankato-Foundation: \$35
ILS Mankato-Student Aid: \$50
In memory of Wallace E. Frank

to ILS Mankato-Foundation: \$160 to Church Major Improvement: \$300 to CLC Cooperative Budget: \$25

(Undesignated): \$165

## THIS WEEK

#### online calendar at www.immanuelmankato.org

Sat	Sept 8	6:00p	Worship Service
		7:00p	Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun	Sept 9	•	•
	-	8:15a	Immanuel Meditations KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
		9:00a	Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:00a	Worship Service
		11:00a	Church Picnic
Mon	Sept 10	7:25a	·
		8:10a	K-6 Devotion in the Sanctuary – all are welcome!
		9a-3p	MN Pastors Study at Berea
		5:00p	HS Soccer vs. Maplewood Academy
		5:30a	HS Volleyball Home Game vs. Maplewood Academy
Tue	Sept 11		
		3-5p	Pastor Office Hours
		6:30p	Deacons Meeting
		7:00p	Property Board Meeting and Board of Ed Meeting
		7:30p	Finance Board Meeting
		8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed	Sept 12	-	Worship Service: Charter #181 or Consolidated Communications #7
		5:00p	
		6:30p	•
		-	Young Christians and Social Media Seminar
Thu	Sept 13		Walnut Towers Bible Study
		10:00a	New Perspective Senior Living Worship Service

Thur Sept 13 1:30p Old Main Bible Study 5:00p Adult Instruction Class 5:45p Worship Service: Charter #181 or Consolidated Communications #7 6:00p Church Choir Rehearsal Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Fri Sept 14 6:30a 8-10a Pastor Office Hours 9:30a K-12 Chapel in the Sanctuary – all are welcome! HS Soccer vs. Cambridge at Caswell North Soccer Complex 4:00p 4:30p HS Volleyball Home Game vs. Cambridge Sept 15 6:00p Worship Service Sat 7:00p Bible Study & Sunday School

Immanuel Meditations KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM Sun Sept 16 8:15a

> 9:00a Bible Study & Sunday School

10:00a Worship Service

## SERVING US NEXT WEEKEND

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## SAVE THE DATE

Tues Sep 18 Women's Study Guild Sep 21 Red Cross Blood Drive Sun Sep 23 ILS Freshman Carnival Nov 4-6 Southeastern Women's Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC. For more info, visit https://christianwomensretreat.weebly.com/

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

send announcements to bulletin@immanuelmankato.org

FYI: BULLETIN PRODUCTION Each week, numerous hands are involved and multiple hours are spent creating the bulletins and announcements. Over the past two years, Rachel Naumann and the pastors have been the primary responsible parties for these efforts. In recent weeks, a team of individuals has been training to take over in order to relieve Rachel and allow the Pastors to spend their energy elsewhere. A special thank you to Rachel Naumann for her service on these efforts

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BALCONY MICROPHONE AND STAND: A blue balcony microphone and microphone stand is missing from the balcony. Please return them to the balcony. Thank you!

**CHURCH CHOIR** practices each Thursday evening, 6:00-7:15 pm in the sanctuary. All voices of members (high school age and above) are welcome to join in musical worship and praise of our LORD! Enter the church by the alley door near the pastors' office. For more info, contact Grace Schreyer, director, 507-387-7758.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** We have been blessed with an opportunity to donate blood right here at Immanuel again. A fall drive has been added on Friday, September 21. Blood supplies are currently being distributed to hospitals as fast as they are coming in. Please plan to donate or volunteer for greeting and the canteen. You may sign up to donate or volunteer in the Church entry after church on Sunday, online at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> or by calling Karen Frank at 507-340-5876.

**MNSU PARADE: Volunteers needed!** The Evangelism Committee is looking for adult and child volunteers to walk in the MNSU parade on September 29. The parade begins on Liberty Street at 10 am. Please help us promote our church and school. Questions, please contact Daniel Pfeiffer 507-304-3473.

**PILGRIMS REST CEMETERY** is looking for approximately 8 volunteers willing to donate a couple of hours a week to assist with mole control. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak with Tony Harris for further details. Email: <a href="mailto:redwolf.harris@gmail.com">redwolf.harris@gmail.com</a> or phone: (507) 382-3081.

**INVITATION:** Women's Study Guild begins meeting for the 2018-19 year on Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. All women (high school age and above) are invited for a bible study, short business meeting and fellowship. Use the church office door. For more information, please contact one of this year's officers:

President Kristen Friedrichs 507-382-5257 Treasurer Diane Lentz Vice President Karla Olmanson 507-625-3381 Secretary Kym Stelter

**INVITATION:** Rosemary Busse and Pastor George Dummann invite all Immanuel members to share in the joyous event of their upcoming wedding service, to be held Friday, October 12, at 4:30 pm at Immanuel. You are also invited to a meal & reception following the service in the school Multi-Purpose Facility. There is a sheet in the narthex to RSVP for the meal. The couple requests no gifts.

## **ONLINE DAILY E-DEVOTIONS**

## Immanuel Lutheran College (ILC) Chapels

Audio recordings of ILC Chapels are regularly uploaded to the ILC website at <a href="http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/">http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/</a>. These 10 minute sermons are an excellent source for morning devotions.

These chapels can also now be listened to via podcast through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone.

#### MAN-UP! WEEKEND 2018

**Theme:** Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Cor. 16:13-14

For more info, visit:

http://manup.clclutheran.org/

When: October 12-14, 2018

Where: Wyalusing State Park (Prairie du Chien, WI)

Why: Biblical Encouragement for Men

What: Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team Building, Encouragement for Men, Worship, and lots of great activities like Hiking, Mountain Biking, Trivia Challenge, Grilling, Bonfires, Music.

Registration: \$75 (\$100 after August 31)

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. James Naumann, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown ND. Pastor Naumann has returned this call. <> Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ.

**CLC – WELS – ELS Discussions.** On August 1, representatives of the CLC, the WELS, and the ELS met at Bethany Seminary in Mankato to continue our discussions about matters that have separated our synods for many years. The first part of the meeting centered on the recent events at the 2018 CLC Convention. The men from the WELS and ELS expressed their disappointment that the CLC had not adopted the 2015 Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship. The CLC men relayed our Convention resolutions, which stated:

- The Joint Statement is a scripturally sound presentation of doctrinal principles.
- It does not resolve all the issues involving the doctrine of church fellowship that have separated us.
- At the same time, the CLC Convention did not reject the Joint Statement, and we are aiming for a final disposition of this document at our 2020 Convention.
- We are thankful for the progress that has been made over the past several years of inter-synodical discussions.
- There are issues other than the doctrine of church fellowship that separate us.
- It is our heartfelt desire to work toward a restoration of God-pleasing fellowship with the ELS and WELS based upon a unity of doctrine and practice.
- We hope that our talks with the ELS and WELS can continue.

The second part of our meeting was taken up with a discussion of the topic of In Statu Confessionis, or "protesting fellowship." Historically, this phrase has been used as a protest against doctrinal error within a church body in an attempt to drive it out. It has sometimes been wrongly used as a justification to continue in fellowship with known false teachers. The history of its use by the WELS and ELS over toward the LC-MS was discussed. Additionally, we talked about its use in connection with the European church bodies which remained in fellowship with both the LC-MS and WELS/ELS for many years following the breakup of the Synodical Conference. The representatives of the WELS and ELS stated that it is their conviction that In Statu Confessionis is to be used only with weak brethren, and not with those identified as false teaching church bodies. In the course of this discussion, we revisited the reasons why the founders of the CLC found it necessary to leave their former fellowships in the WELS and ELS.

The future of our inter-synodical discussions was left in doubt. All agreed that it might be profitable to meet again following the 2019 CLC General Pastoral Conference next summer. It will be up to the respective synod presidents as to whether this meeting will take place. Meanwhile, our 3-man committee hopes to provide further information for next summer's General Pastoral Conference to consider, through continuing correspondence with the WELS and ELS.

- President Michael Eichstadt, Pastor Paul D. Nolting, Pastor Bruce Naumann

# Young Christians and Social Media

# 7-8PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

All church and school families are invited to attend.

Special emphasis for families with students in grades 7 to 12.

The seminar will consist of a series of 5-minute informational presentations followed by an opportunity for group discussion.

## The presentations will be as follows:

- 1. Parenting Christian Teens Pastor Joe Naumann
- 2. Tech Tools to Help Parents Mr. Brandan Heinze
- 3. Bullying Addressed from a Christian Perspective Mr. Sherman Carstensen
- 4. Legal Information Related to Social Media Mr. Kyle Ochsner
- 5. My Social Media with Jesus Pastor Neal Radichel

We look forward to your attendance at this seminar, and we pray that it may be an opportunity for us to gather around His Word to grow as parents, educators, and as young Christians in today's world!

