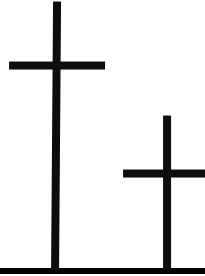


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2nd Sunday in Advent

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Malachi 4:2

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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SERVING US TODAY

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Daryl Pischner; Mike Schweim; Dale Spear; Philip Stelter; Logan Wendt

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 117 (*Red Hymnal pg. 148*)

Prayer *Lord Jesus, I pray that You would come into my heart once more this Advent season and warm me with Your great love. Cause the message of Your salvation won for all people to turn hearts to You wherever and whenever it is taught. Amen!*

+ + + ORDER OF SERVICE + + +

We Prepare to Meet Our Lord

OPENING HYMN:

15 *Red Hymnal*

From All That Dwells Below the Skies

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): ♪ Amen.

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

RED HYMNAL, PG 5

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, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto 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 may 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.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

We Praise Our Lord

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 117

P: Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!

C: **Laud Him, all you peoples!**

P: For His merciful kindness is great toward us,

C: **And the truth of the LORD endures forever.**

ALL: Praise the LORD.

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

♪ All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity,
for planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free,
on whom our trust is founded, our house built on a rock,
our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock,
dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again,
join saints and angels singing, "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Tune: Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 820

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

Our Lord Speaks to Us

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1: 5-17

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. **6** And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. **7** But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. **8** So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, **9** according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. **10** And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. **11** Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. **12** And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. **13** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. **14** And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. **15** For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. **16** And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. **17** He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

*Low in a humble manger, little Lord Jesus lay,
watched by the virgin mother, there on a bed of hay,
keeping her loving vigil, far from the worldly throngs,
when, through the night came ringing glorious angel songs.*

*“Glory to God!” the angels sing. Praises to Christ, the newborn King!
Peace be to earth, goodwill to men; hear we the angels sing again:
“Glory to God!” the angels sing. Praises to Christ, the newborn King!
Peace be to earth, goodwill to men, goodwill to men.*

ALL:

**Little the loving mother, dreamed of its meaning then,
how He would die on Calv’ry, die for the sins of men,
Down through the weary ages, out from that manger bed,
streams all the light of heaven, soon o’er the world to spread.**

REFRAIN:

**“Glory to God!” the angels sing.
Praises to Christ, the newborn King!
Peace to the earth, goodwill to men;
hear we the angels sing again:
“Glory to God!” the angels sing.
Praises to Christ, the newborn King!
Peace to the earth, goodwill to men, goodwill to men.**

REPEAT REFRAIN

EPISTLE READING
ROMANS 15: 4-13

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.” 10 And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!”

11 And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

HYMN:

63 (*Red Hymnal*)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

SERMON MEDITATION

MALACHI 4: 1-6

sermons and services online at www.immanuelmankato.org

"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this," Says the Lord of hosts. 4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I

commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

THE SUN IS COMING

1. To Destroy the Stubble
2. To Heal His People

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

We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord

OFFERTORY

RED HYMNAL, PG 12

♪ **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:

359 *Red Hymnal*

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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

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.

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION

A GOOD WORD OR BLESSING

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

277 Red Hymnal

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

December 2

Sunday Worship: **145**

Communed: **116**

December 5

1 PM Worship: **32**

6 PM Worship: **164**

Bible Studies:

Adult Instruction: **7**

Jail: **11**

Men's Breakfast: **24**

Old Main: **7**

Primrose: **4**

Walnut Towers: **6**

Fruits of Faith

Church-Land Purchase **\$145**

Church-Major Improvement **\$100**

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

Tuition Aid **\$40**

CLC-Kinship **\$25**

CLC-MDF **\$170**

CLC-ILC Building **\$45**

Immanuel

Current Expenses

■ Received

\$8,259

■ Needed

\$19,345

CLC

General Missions

\$993

\$2,099

Did you know?

Offerings specifically designated to “**School Student Aid**” provide tuition scholarships for students wishing to attend Immanuel Lutheran School. Families with students in our school pay tuition. At times, families have difficulty meeting the tuition costs for their children. It is our prayer that any student wishing to attend our school will be able to do so without financial hardship.

THIS WEEK

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

- Sat Dec 8 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 9 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*
9:45a Grade School Choir Rehearsal *in the 7th-8th grade classroom*
10:00a **WORSHIP**
- Mon Dec 10 8:10a** ILS K-6 Devotion *in the church sanctuary*
7:00p ILS Christmas Concert *in the church sanctuary*
- Tues Dec 11 ILS Late Start (10 am) - Professional Development**
10:00a Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
6:00p ILS Girls Varsity Home Basketball Game vs Madelia
6:30p Deacons Meeting *in the basement conference room*
7:00p Board of Education Meeting *in the language classroom*
7:00p Property Board Meetings *in the church basement*
7:30p Finance Board Meeting *in the church room*
8:00p Council Meeting *in the church basement*
- Wed Dec 12 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
1:00p Advent **WORSHIP**
5:00p Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) *in the 7th-8th grade classroom*
6:00p Advent **WORSHIP**
7:00p ILS PTO Business Meeting *in the church basement*
- Thu Dec 13 10:00a** **WORSHIP**, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Rd*
10:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E. Walnut Street*
1:30p Bible Study, *Old Main, 301 S. Fifth Street*
1:30p ILS Spelling Bee *in the church basement*
4:30p ILS Grade School Girls 4-6 Home Basketball game vs St Paul's, Fairmont
5:00p Adult Instruction Class *in the language classroom*
5:30p ILS Grade School Boys 5-6 Home Basketball game vs St Paul's, Fairmont
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
6:00p Church Choir Rehearsal *in the sanctuary*
6:30p ILS Grade School Girls 7-8 Home Basketball game vs St Paul's, Fairmont
7:00p Bible Study (Romans 16), *Durst Home, 507-360-4194*
7:30p ILS Grade School Boys 7-8 Home Basketball game vs St Paul's, Fairmont
- Fri Dec 14 6:30a** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *in the basement*
8a-10a Pastors' Office Hours
8:10a ILS Christmas Eve Practice *in the church sanctuary*
9:30a ILS K-12 Chapel *in the church sanctuary*
- Sat Dec 15 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 16 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*
2:15p Ambassadors Ice Skating (\$5), *All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Avenue*
4:15 pm Ambassadors Devotion/Activity *in the church basement*
5:00 pm Ambassadors Food/Social (\$2) *in the church basement*

SERVING US AT MIDWEEK'S ADVENT SERVICES (DEC 12)
PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew (*from Sleepy Eye - New Ulm congregations*)
DEACON (1 PM) Richard Lueck (6 PM) Logan Wendt ♦ **SOUND Brent Schreyer**
ORGANISTS (1 PM) Colleen Matzke (6 PM) Grace Schreyer
SCREEN (1 PM) Clifford Kuehne (6 PM) Russ Schmitt
FLOWERS Trudy Dackins, Lane Fischer, Donna Klammer & Grace Schreyer
HEAD USHER Paul Bade ♦ **ASSISTANT Justin Mueller** ♦ **USHERS Brandan Heinze; Scott Kruse; Todd Kruse; David Lueck; Bennett Olmanson; Daniel Pfeiffer; Daryl Pischner; Mike Schweim; Dale Spear; Philip Stelter; Logan Wendt**

SERVING US NEXT WEEKEND (DEC 15 - 16)
PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ **DEACON Logan Wendt** ♦ **ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish**
SOUND Evan Matzke ♦ **VIDEO Vern Frank** ♦ **SCREEN Russ Schmitt**
FLOWERS Trudy Dackins, Lane Fischer, Donna Klammer & Grace Schreyer
HEAD USHER Fred Friedrichs ♦ **ASSISTANT John Heinze** ♦ **USHERS Niko Becker; Joshua Clobes; David Clobes; Hunter Hanel; Jay Hanel; Ty Hanel; Dennis Heinze; Brett Kruse; Andy Olmanson; Luke Olmanson; Mick Rykhus; Russ Schmitt; Alex Schmitt; Ron Wolle; Steve Wolle**

SAVE THE DATES

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

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| December | 19 | Advent WORSHIP Services at 1 pm and 6 pm |
| | 20 | Kiwanis Holiday Lights Volunteer Night from 4:40 pm – 9:00 pm |
| | 23 | Christmas Eve Practice <i>following the church service</i> |
| | 24 | Christmas Eve WORSHIP Service at 6 pm |
| | 25 | Christmas Day WORSHIP Service at 10 am |
| | 31 | New Year's Eve WORSHIP at 6 pm |
| January | 1 | New Year's Day WORSHIP at 10 am |
| February | 1-3 | Whitewater Youth Camp at <i>Whitewater State Park</i> – info coming soon |

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL POLISHING Everyone is invited to join in polishing the handbells upstairs in the balcony after the service!

ILS WEEKLY UPDATES The school publishes weekly announcements, called the Weekly Updates. If interested in accessing these announcements, visit immanuelmankato.org, click on "Immanuel Lutheran School" in the top right corner, and then click on Weekly Update in the blue menu banner.

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. Practices for this service will take place every Friday during the school day for the children who attend ILS. It is very important that ALL children attend our Sunday practices that will occur on Sunday, December 16, and Sunday, December 23, after Sunday worship. Please plan to attend these practices so that your children are prepared and ready to share God's Word on Christmas Eve. Thank you!

NEW SCREEN FORMAT: A new screen format has been piloted during the last month. If you have comments or feedback regarding the new format, please connect with one of the pastors or email bulletin@immanuelmankato.org.

SEASONAL CARDS FOR SALE: The Immanuel Women's Study Guild has added Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to the card display. Cards are 50 cents each. There are also boxes of 12 Christmas cards available to purchase for \$5. The card display is located in the hallway outside the church offices.

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!**

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



FOR SALE: 2019 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. Calendars will be available to pick up in the church office the weekend of December 15-16. Any profits will be used to offset costs of fellowship meals.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY COMPARED The Midwestern outreach seminar tour was recently completed by Pastors Dave Koenig and Paul Tiefel. Here is a rundown of locations and attendance: Mankato 70 (12 visitors); New Ulm 17 (2 visitors); Eau Claire 116 (8 visitors); Appleton 27 (7 visitors); Marquette 22; Saginaw 54 (21 visitors); Detroit 12; Grand Rapids 13 (2 visitors); Milwaukee 27; Middleton 27 (13 visitors). Total = 385 (67 visitors). We thank the Lord for the opportunity to share His Word among ourselves and with our visitors. If you missed it, you may also view the video of Eau Claire, Messiah's seminar, at www.tinyurl.com/Messiah-seminar-2018.

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

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If you have an announcement or event that you would like in next weekend's bulletin or in the online calendars, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!