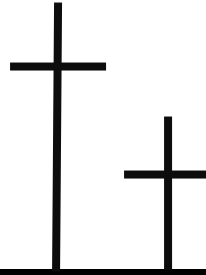


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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

1st Sunday after Christmas

*He shall build a house for My
name, and I will establish the
throne of his kingdom forever.*

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 70 (*Red Hymnal pg. 138*)

Prayer *O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell: Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel! In Jesus name we pray, Amen! (TLH 647:4)*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement 2000, pg 22ff

Hymn

98 *Red Hymnal*

Of the Father's Love Begotten

INVOCATION

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

Congregation (C): (sing) Amen!

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C:  Amen.

FIRST READING

LUKE 2: 33-40

Both Simeon and Anna were patiently waiting for the fulfillment of the LORD's promises. The Lord gives them the joy of seeing that fulfillment and uses them to confirm who Jesus is and what He would do for the world. This fantastic summary is given not just to Joseph and Mary, but to us all as we ponder what our Almighty God would do to pay for the redemption of all people. Like Simeon and Anna, we also give thanks to God and rejoice in Jesus, our Savior!

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 71: 17-20

P: O God, You have taught me from my youth;

C: **And to this day I declare Your wondrous works.**

P: Now also when I am old and grayheaded,

C: **O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.**

P: Also Your righteousness, O God, is very high,

C: **You who have done great things; O God, who is like You?**

P: You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, Shall revive me again,

C: **And bring me up again from the depths of the earth. Amen!**

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 4: 1-7

This short section summarizes all of world history. Prior to the birth of Jesus, the world was waiting in expectation of the inheritance that would be ours in Christ. When everything had been prepared by God, Jesus came in fulfillment of every Old Testament prophecy. Because of the coming of Jesus we are no longer slaves, but have been brought into the family of God and made heirs of all the blessings of God! Rejoice!

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!

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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day
712 *Tan Hymnal*

What Child is This?

SERMON MEDITATION**2 SAMUEL 7: 1-16**

Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, **2** that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." **3** Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." **4** But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, **5** "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? **6** "For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. **7** "Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" **8** "Now therefore, thus shall you

say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. **9** "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. **10** "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, **11** "since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. **12** "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. **15** "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. **16** "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.""

Planning for the Future 101

1. Consult the LORD with any building plans.
2. Correction from the LORD is a guarantee.
3. Check the LORD's retirement plan daily.

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

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

Offering Meditation: **O Holy Night**

PRAYER & THE 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 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

A GOOD WORD OR BLESSING

P: Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Romans 15:5-6)*

All: (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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SERVING US ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (DEC 31)

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FLOWERS Trudy Dackins, Lane Fischer, Donna Klammer & Grace Schreyer
HEAD USHER Council Members

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HEAD USHER **Council Members**

SERVING US NEXT WEEKEND (JAN 5 – 6)

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

December 22-23

Saturday Worship: **69**

Sunday Worship: **311**

Weekend Total: **380**

Saturday Bible Study: **9**

Saturday School: **3**

Sunday Bible Study: **59**

Sunday School: **41**

Ambassadors: **10**

December 24

6 PM Worship: **556**

December 25

10 AM Worship: **282**

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: **9**

Jail: **10**

Old Main: **5**

Walnut Towers: **7**

Fruits of Faith

Church-Land Purchase **\$150**

Church-Major Improvement **\$60**

ILS Mankato-Foundation **\$140**

ILS Mankato-Student Aid **\$50**

In memory of Howard Stregre

ILS School-Undesignated **\$25**

Tuition Aid **\$40**

CLC-Kinship **\$25**

CLC-MDF **\$115**

Ascension Day **\$1**

Island Retreat **\$105**

Immanuel

Current Expenses

■ Received

■ \$38,830

■ Needed

■ \$19,345

CLC

General Missions

■ \$3,943

■ \$2,099

2018 Update from the Board of Finance

The congregation budgeted \$649K for offering income toward Current Expenses. As of Christmas Day, we have received \$640K in plate contributions. There was a shortfall in other income sources as well but expenses were lower than estimates. If we simply focus on paying Current Expenses, income exceeded expenses for 2018 by roughly \$2,000. For CLC General Missions, we have received \$51.5K in offerings, a little shy of the \$55K budgeted. Thank you to everyone for your gifts to the work of His church and may the Lord bless your holiday season.

SAVE THE DATES

January 11

Church Christmas Un-Decorating at 5 pm

January 16

PTO Talent Night at 6:30 pm

February 1-3

Ambassadors Whitewater Camp

March 22-24

Midwest Women's Retreat in Winona – see announcement for more info

THIS WEEK

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

- Sat Dec 29 6:00p WORSHIP**
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
- Sun Dec 30 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 classroom locations*
10:00a **WORSHIP**
- Mon Dec 31 ILS Christmas Break, returning on Thursday, January 3**
6:00p **New Year's Eve WORSHIP**
- Tues Jan 1 10:00a New Year's Day WORSHIP**
- Wed Jan 2 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
5:00p Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) *in the 7th-8th grade classroom*
- Thu Jan 3 ILS Classes resume**
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*
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
6:00p Church Choir Rehearsal *in the sanctuary*
- Fri Jan 4 6:30a** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *in the church basement*
8a-10a Pastors' Office Hours
9:30a ILS K-12 Chapel *in the sanctuary*
5:30p ILS High School JV Boy Home Game vs Victory Christian
7:00p ILS High School Varsity Girls Home Game vs Victory Christian
8:30p ILS High School Varsity Boys Home Game vs Victory Christian
- Sat Jan 5 10:00a** Bible Study, *Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*
6:00p **WORSHIP** including the Lord's Supper
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
- Sun Jan 6 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** including the Lord's Supper
3:00p Finance Committee Meeting

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMBASSADORS WHITEWATER CAMP Deadline to register is January 23.
Registration fee is \$70 per person, which includes transportation, meals, lodging and utilities.
For more info, contact Matt Busch mbusch1@isd77.org.

MEMBER MAILBOXES are available for use out in the church narthex entryway. We are working to adjust their height and location to make them easier for all to reach. If you do not see your name or know of a needed change, please let Michelle Stratton 507-387-7043 or Erin Radichel 920-922-3318 know right away. We are looking forward to these mailboxes helping improve communication among us all.

WANTED: Kiwanis Concessions and Take-down Volunteers

The ILS PTO has two final opportunities to volunteer at the Kiwanis Holiday Lights to help raise funds for a new laminator for the school. Anyone 16 years old or older can help.

- **4-6 people** needed for Concessions from 4:40 to 9:00 pm on **Sunday, Dec. 30.** (The shifts can be shared by two people. This is in a heated shelter.)
- **1 person** for 2+ hours on **Jan. 1, 5, or 6** to help take lights down and store them for next year.

Please contact Sarah Kruse if you can help. 507-380-6018 or sarah.kruse@mnsu.edu

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING: Dec 23, 2018

The special meeting of Immanuel Church was called to consider membership matters.

- Jessica Anderson was excommunicated.
- Released per their requests were: Ronald Affolter, Daniel Born, Jeffery Cowell, Patrice Cowell, James Danberry, Mitchell Dummer, Brianna Jensen, Stephanie Luehrs, Shayne Ratcliff, Brant and Brenda Vinkemeier and family, Adam Rosin, Bette Schweim, Brandon Stiernagle.
- Rosemary (Busse) Dummann was transferred to Salem of Eagle Lake.

The meeting was adjourned.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

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	March 2019	1) Mark, 381-3308
	2) _____		2) _____
			3) _____
February 2019	1) Laura, 469-4758	April 2019	1) _____
	2) _____		2) _____
			3) _____

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.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLC CALL NEWS The Rev, Edward .Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, has accepted the call to Our Redeemer’s Lutheran, Red Wing MN,. <> Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, and Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI.

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.

UPDATE: CLC KINSHIP Sponsors The KINSHIP Committee would like to offer our sincerest thanks for the generous responses to our recent request for sponsors. We praise the Lord for this generous outpouring of support! All of the Direct Sponsorships have now been filled, and we have begun a waiting list for anyone who would like to directly sponsor a seminary student or orphan in the future. Group Sponsorships are still available, in which you, an individual, can contribute to larger pools of support for various groups overseas, such as The Children in Need in Togo and the two schools in Kenya. You can also always donate to the KINSHIP General Fund which is used to support those three groups, the medical needs of orphans, and widows of former pastors. If you are interested in contributing to a Group Sponsorship or the General Fund and have any questions, please contact us at kinship@clclutheran.com. Thank you!

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.



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!

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