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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome!*

We are excited to share the Good News (Gospel) with you!  
Guests, please sign our guestbook in the entry. Please join us again.

*Serving Us This Weekend*

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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

*Pre-Service Meditation*

**Psalm 63** (see Psalm of the Day)

**Prayer** O Lord Jesus, it is only through the Word that we are connected to the grace of God that assures us of salvation through Your great sacrifice on the cross. Lead me to keep the Word of God as my main focus in life, which alone will comfort me through all of the trials of this life and carry me into the glory of the great life to come. Amen!

# Septuagesima Sunday

“If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.” *2 Cor. 11:30 ESV*

## CHANTING ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Lutheran Hymnal, pg. 5ff*

Opening Hymn

282 *Red Hymnal*

Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measures

### OPENING PRAYER

### 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.

**All:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

**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.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

AMOS 8: 11-12

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

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## ILS GRADE SCHOOL CHOIR

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end.*

*Lord, be forever near me, my Master and my Friend.*

*I shall not fear the battle if You are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.*

*Oh, let me feel You near me: the world is always near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are always near me, around me, and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow You,  
that where You are in glory, Your servants shall be, too;  
and Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end:  
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and My Friend.*

*Oh, let me see Your foot-marks, and in them plant my own;  
my hope to follow You, Lord, is in Your strength alone.  
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
and then in heav'n receive me, my Savior and my Friend.*

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## PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 63: 1-8

P: O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You;

C: **My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.**

P: So I have looked for You in the sanctuary

C: **To see Your power and Your glory.**

P: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,

C: **My lips shall praise You.**

P: Thus I will bless You while I live;

C: **I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

P: My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,

C: **And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.**

P: When I remember You on my bed,

C: **I meditate on You in the night watches.**

P: Because You have been my help,

C: **Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.**

P: My soul follows close behind You;

C: **Your right hand upholds me.**

C: ♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 8: 4-15

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it

was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 "Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. 7 "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. 8 "But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" 9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" 10 And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that `Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' 11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 "But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. 14 "Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **APOSTOLIC CREED**

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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

528 (v. 1-5) *Red Hymnal*

If God Himself Be for Us

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of-- I am speaking as a fool-- I also dare to boast of that. **22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. **23** Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one-- I am talking like a madman-- with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. **24** Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; **26** on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; **27** in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. **28** And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. **29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? **30** If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. **31** The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. **32** At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, **33** but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

## **I AM WEAK, BUT HE IS STRONG**

1. Human Insufficiency and Weakness
2. Reveals Christ's Sufficiency and Strength

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

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### **OFFERTORY**

Red Hymnal pg 12ff

♪ **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.**

**OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

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*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*

**PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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*

**Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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*Serving Us Next Weekend*

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HEAD USHER Joe Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Michael Wheaton ♦ USHERS Ben  
Busse, Jacob Busse, Sherman Carstensen, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Sam  
Geschwind, Sam Hagen, Kevin Moeri, Karl Mueller, Bernt Olmanson,  
Wayne Timm

# This Week

- Sat Feb 16 6:00p** **WORSHIP** with Third Sunday Communion to follow in the pastors' offices  
**7:00p** Bible Study in the church basement
- Sun Feb 17 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**  
**11:00a** Third Sunday Communion in the pastors' offices  
**12:30p – 4p** ILS Grade School Basketball Jamboree vs Okabena & Berea
- Mon Feb 18 8:10a** ILS K-6 Devotion in the sanctuary  
**10a-3p** CLC Area Pastors Study in Mankato
- Tues Feb 19 9:30a** Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*  
**3p-5p** Pastors Office Hours  
**6:30p** Women's Study Guild in the church basement– enter by the church office
- Wed Feb 20 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7  
**5:00p** Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom  
**6:30p** Family Open Gym Night hosted by ILS PTO in the gym
- Thu Feb 21 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  
**6:00p** ILS Basketball Home Game Girls Varsity vs Maplewood Academy  
**7:30p** ILS Basketball Home Game Boys Varsity vs Maplewood Academy
- Fri Feb 22 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  
**10:15a** **WORSHIP**, *Pathstone, 708 Mound Avenue*  
**5:30p** ILS Basketball Home Game Boys JV vs St Cloud Christian  
**6:30p** ILS Basketball Home Game Girls Varsity vs St Cloud Christian  
**8:00p** ILS Basketball Home Game Boys Varsity vs St Cloud Christian
- Sat Feb 23 10:00a** Bible Study, *Primrose, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*  
**6:00p** **WORSHIP**  
**7:00p** Bible Study in the church basement
- Sun Feb 24** **Food Shelf Sunday:** donations can be dropped off in the church office entry  
**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  
**9:45a** Grade School Choir Rehearsal in a downstairs hallway classroom  
**10:00a** **WORSHIP**  
**11:00a** Sunday School Teachers Meeting in the language classroom

# Last Week

## Gatherings

### February 9-10

Saturday Worship: 112

Sunday Worship: 143

Weekend Total: 255

Sunday Bible Study: 31

Sunday School: 19

Ambassadors: 6

### Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: 7

Autumn Grace: 11

High School: 11

Men's Breakfast: 21

New Perspective: 5

Worship: 6

Old Main: 4

Pathstone: 18

Primrose: 6

Walnut Towers: 10

Wedn Confirmation: 7

## Fruits of Faith

### Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$8,641.33**

*Weekly Need \$13,059.97*

ILS Athletic Fund **\$4,000**

ILS Foundation **\$10**

ILS Student Aid **\$5**

Land Purchase **\$135**

Major Improvement **\$51**

### CLC

ILC Building **\$20**

Missions (Cooperative Budget) **\$471**

*Weekly Need \$1,134.69*

Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$32**

Pastor McKenny Family **\$100**

# Immanuel Announcements

**DIVINE CALL** Dear members of Immanuel, The voters of Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN were led by the Holy Spirit to call me to serve as their pastor. Over the next few weeks, I will be evaluating the needs of the two calls I have (one to Immanuel and one to Bethel), examining the gifts that God has given to me, and praying the Holy Spirit would guide me to serve in the best way that He sees fit.

Please keep me in your prayers. I would appreciate any thoughts you may have about the work here at Immanuel and my role in them. Please feel free to reach out via email [joseph.naumann@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:joseph.naumann@immanuelmankato.org), phone 920-266-5386, or in person.

**Psalm 20:7** *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

Pastor Joe Naumann

**WOMEN'S STUDY GUILD** Please join us Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 pm in the church basement for our study of Benedictions in the Bible, followed by a short business meeting and fellowship snacks. *Serving: Grace Schreyer & Ruth Mueller*

**FAMILY OPEN GYM NIGHT** The ILS Parent Teacher Organization is hosting a "Family Open Gym Night" this coming Wednesday, February 20, from 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be a fun event for the whole family! Come enjoy popcorn and fellowship with a variety of activities and games. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

**MISSION FESTIVAL FELLOWSHIP: MARCH 2 & 3** A Fellowship Meal will be served in the gym following the 11 am Sunday Worship Service. WSO Divisions 1 & 2 are serving; other volunteers welcome! A suggested donation for the catered meal is \$4.00. Desserts are welcome as they are not included in the meal

**CAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Our annual high school Christian Athletic League (CAL) Basketball Tournament is coming up March 7, 8, and 9. Information about the basketball tournament (i.e. game locations, game times, etc.) can be found online at: [www.immanuelmankato.org/school/cal-tournament](http://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/cal-tournament)

**Volunteers Needed** We are in need of volunteers to help monitor halls, help clean up, and work in the concession stand (All students 8th grade and under who wish to work in the concession stand are asked to sign up with a parent/guardian). Also, food donations of ground beef and monetary donations toward boneless, skinless chicken breast are appreciated. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations will be available in the school office or you may contact the school secretary, Amanda Harris, at [secretary@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:secretary@immanuelmankato.org) or at 345-3027 to sign up. Sign-up sheets will also be available after church on Sundays, Feb 24 and Mar 3.

**Tournament Passes** Tournament passes (wristbands) will be distributed to members of Immanuel congregation at no charge to show our appreciation for your support of our athletic program. Non-member volunteers will also receive complimentary passes. Passes must be picked up after worship on Sundays, February 24 or March 3 or Wednesday, March 6. Passes may also be picked up in the school office through Wednesday, March 6. Spectators and volunteers must present a pass or pay the \$7.00 admission fee. Children ages 12 and under receive free admission and do not need a pass.

**Concessions Tabs** All families that have a concessions tab from the basketball season are asked to pay off their tab before the start of the CAL Tournament. Please contact the school office (345-3027) to pay off your tab.

**Questions about CAL** Please contact Julie Busch at 345-3027 or 386-0706.

**MILK MOOLA PROGRAM** The Immanuel PTO has received notice that the Milk Moola program through Kwik Trip will be ending at the end of March. We are asking everyone to bring in their Milk Moola's before March 15 to allow for counting and shipping.

**LOAVES 4 LEARNING FUNDRAISER PROGRAM** Please consider saving UPCs from Country Hearth and Village Hearth products to support our school. UPCs can be dropped off in the downstairs hallway into the church basement.

**NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR ILS CAREER FAIR** The ILS Parent Teacher Organization is asking for volunteers to share their careers with students during our Career Fair on April 3. More information is located on the table in the Narthex. Please consider sharing your God given talents.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP**

Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, God has opened a door of opportunity for me to be a part of the CLC Mission Helper Trip this coming summer. The 2019 trip was set for three weeks this summer in India to work with the members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession of India and the Berea Ev. Lutheran Church. However, with growing hostility and persecution towards Christians in that area, the other volunteers and I were faced with a difficult decision as to whether it was now safe for us to travel there. After much prayer and consideration, the CLC Board of Missions has put in motion a new Mission Helper trip to East Africa. I ask that you keep the families of India in your prayers, and that we may be able to send a mission group there in the future.

It is truly a blessing that the Lord has given us a new opportunity to visit the people of Zambia and Tanzania. If the Lord continues to bless our efforts I, along with the other CLC Mission Helper Volunteers, will have the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel to many, many children. Some of these children are already members of our sister congregations, but many of the children we will reach have never truly heard of their Savior Jesus. We will be traveling to different villages where a CLC affiliated congregation is located. In each village we will teach a series of Bible stories that serve to proclaim both the Law and Gospel. These lessons will also include a craft that will reinforce the message. I am very excited to use my God given talents to help spread the word in East Africa!

I am asking for your prayers on behalf of myself, the other volunteers, those with whom I will be working, and the many lost souls who will be reached with the Gospel. As you can well imagine, the financial cost of such service to the Lord is rather large. The cost of the trip is approximately \$3,000 - \$3500. I am also asking for your assistance to help me cover part of the cost for this trip. Any amount you are able to give will be greatly appreciated and put to good use in the Lord's Kingdom. My initial down payment of \$2000 to cover the cost of airfare and other trip expenses will need to be sent in to the Mission Helper Program by March 5. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me or the pastors if you have any questions.

In Christ, Abigail Stelter

## *CLC Announcements*

**CLC CALL NEWS** Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX, has called Missionary Peter Evensen to serve as pastor. <> Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN has called Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, to serve as pastor. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III, Eau Claire, WI has returned the teaching call to St. John's, Okabena, MN. He is still considering the call to Faith of Markesan, WI.

**ILC TOUR CHOIR** Tour Choir will be doing concerts at various congregations in Wisconsin, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Minnesota between March 3 – 24. For specific dates and locations, please find more information on the flyers hanging on the entry bulletin boards.

