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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

GUEST PASTOR Sam Naumann ♦ DEACON Paul Bade
ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish ♦ SOUND Craig Stelter ♦ VIDEO Tony Harris
SCREEN Russ Schmitt ♦ FLOWERS Mark Stelter & Kristen Friedrichs
HEAD USHER Karl Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Kyle Hulke ♦ USHERS Aaron
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Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 142 (See Confession of Sins)

Prayer Lord of Light, we thank you for shining upon our dark hearts through Your holy Word and making us Your children. We pray that You would continue to bring to light all of those this world who still need to hear of Your saving love. Use us as Your instruments to accomplish this holy calling! Amen!

Quinquagesima Sunday

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. *Ephesians 5:8*

COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn

38 (v. 1-4) *Red Hymnal*

The Lord, My God, be Praised

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

PSALM 142 ESV

P: With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

C: With my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

P: I pour out my complaint before him;

C: I tell my trouble before him.

P: When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!

C: In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

P: Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;

C: No refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

P: I cry to you, O LORD; I say,

C: "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

P: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!

C: Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

P: Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!

C: The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

♪ **The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.**

**To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one.**

Hymn 106 (v. 1, 2, 7)

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

Our Lord Speaks to Us

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 42: 14-21

"I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. **15** I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. **16** I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. **17** They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' **18** "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. **19** Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the LORD'S servant? **20** Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not

hear." **21** The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

EPHESIANS 5: 8-14

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), **10** finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. **12** For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. **13** But all *things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. **14** Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON MEDITATION

JOHN 9: 1-11 ESV

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."

The Light of the World Sends You

1. To Work While You Have Light
2. To Be a Display of His Light
3. To Shine Your Light on the Light

*Preaching today Seminarian Sam Naumann
Sermon note sheets available in the narthex*

We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord

OFFERTORY

Red Hymnal pg 22

♪ **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

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

OFFERING MEDITATION: THE GARDEN (N. Radichel)

PRAYERS

Our Lord Gives Himself to Us

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

P: 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

♪ **Amen.**

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our Practice of Close Communion: *We believe that God desires unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Immanuel and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. For more info, pick up the tract from the narthex titled "Why Close Communion."*

Communing: *Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pew on either side. The pastors will bring communion to you there. Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table. Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the Pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will immediately follow. Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located behind each pillar or in the center aisle.*

Communion Hymns

324 *Red Hymnal*

305 *Red Hymnal*

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32)

♪ **Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR "God Be in my Head"

God be in my head, and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart, and in my thinking.

God be at my end, and in my departing.

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

Closing Hymn

505 *Red Hymnal*

O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

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Last Week

Gatherings

February 23

Saturday Worship: 115

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: 9

High School: 11

Jail: 9

Men's Breakfast: 26

New Perspective: 6

Old Main: 4

Primrose: 8

Walnut Towers: 6

Wedn Confirmation: 9

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$3,707.25**

Weekly Need \$13,059.97

ILS Foundation **\$5**

ILS Student Aid **\$50**

Land Purchase **\$340**

Men's Breakfast **\$259**

CLC

ILC Building **\$95**

KINSHIP **\$75**

Missions (Cooperative Budget) **\$264**

Weekly Need \$1,134.69

Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$155**

Pastor McKenney Family **\$100**

This Week

- Sat Mar 2** 6:00p Mission Festival **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
- Sun Mar 3** 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 Mission Festival **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper
- Mon Mar 4** 8:10a ILS K-6 Devotion *in the sanctuary*
- Tues Mar 5** 9:30a Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
3p-5p Pastors Office Hours
5:30p Expansion Relocation Committee Meeting *in the pastors' office*
- Wed Mar 6** 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
1:00p Ash Wednesday **WORSHIP**
5:00p Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) *in the 7th-8th grade classroom*
6:00p Ash Wednesday **WORSHIP**
- Thu Mar 7** **NO ILS Classes: CAL Tournament**
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 Mar 8** **NO ILS Classes: CAL Tournament & Grade School Eau Claire Tournament**
NO Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *this week due to CAL Tournament*
8a-10a Pastors' Office Hours
- Sat Mar 9** **CAL Tournament & Grade School Eau Claire Tournament**
10:00a Bible Study, *Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*
6:00p **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
- Sun Mar 10** **Grade School Eau Claire Tournament**
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 Mission Festival **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper

Serving Us Midweek

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON Ron Wolle (1 pm) Jason Dick (6 pm)
ORGANIST Colleen Matzke ♦ SOUND Craig Stelter ♦ SCREEN Cliff Kuehne
(1 pm) Russ Schmitt (6 pm) ♦ FLOWERS Mark Stelter & Kristen Friedrichs
HEAD USHER Karl Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Kyle Hulke ♦ USHERS Aaron
Busse; Matt Hagen; Allen Hansen; Andrew Lentz; Richard Lueck; Gary
Mittelsteadt; Alan Olmanson; Brent Schreyer; Ben Stratton; Tim Williams

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Jason Dick ♦ ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer
SOUND Brent Schreyer ♦ VIDEO Paul & Diane Bode ♦ SCREEN Cliff Kuehne
FLOWERS Mark Stelter & Kristen Friedrichs ♦ 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

Immanuel Announcements

THANK YOU to Senior Seminarian Sam Naumann for presenting us with the gospel today. Sam will be graduating this May from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. We pray that the Lord would bless him and his family as they prepare to serve the Lord in the called ministry.

MISSION FESTIVAL FELLOWSHIP A Fellowship Meal will be served in the gym following the 10 am Sunday Worship Service this weekend. 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

THE SEASON OF LENT begins this year on March 6, which is known as Ash Wednesday. Lent culminates with the death of Jesus on Good Friday (April 19) and closes with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning (April 21). Since the very earliest years of the Church Christians have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. In 325 AD, at the Council of Nicea, a firm date was established for the annual celebration of this important festival. Already during these early centuries, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with a period of repentance called Lent (which is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring" since it was at that time of the year this took place). In the 700's AD, this period of time was set at 40 days (not including Sundays) based on the 40 days Jesus was tempted while in the wilderness at the start of His ministry.

While such a commemoration is not commanded in Scripture and is also abused and misused by some, it can be a beneficial time for spiritual reflection through the study of God's Word as we focus on the redemption won for us by our Savior through His suffering and death on the cross.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for Thee!

May our eyes be ever turning to Thy cross of agony

Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,

Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified! TLH 145:3

We will offer mid-week Lenten services again this year and will be considering the theme: "Mementos of the Savior's Passion". Services will be held at 1 pm and 6 pm. May the Spirit bless our meditation this year!

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

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 upper school hallway after church today or on Ash Wednesday office, and in the school office during the week.

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 today or Wednesday, March 6, from the school office. 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.

MISSING FROM THE CHURCH KITCHEN Three dish pans (1 gray and 2 brown) are missing from the church kitchen. Please return them. Items are not to be removed from the Church Kitchen without permission from a member of Ladies Auxiliary. **If you know where they are, please return them ASAP as they are needed for use during CAL Basketball Tournament.**

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.

ALUMNI DAY Come join us for an exciting time at Alumni Day on Saturday, March 16.

- 8:00–9:30 Varsity and JV Volleyball vs Alumni
- 9:30–10:00 Kindergarten to 2nd grade activities in gym
- 10:00 5th & 6th grade girls vs parents
- 10:30 5th & 6th grade boys vs parents @ halftime lighting
- 11:00 3rd & 4th grade basketball game
- 12:00 7th & 8th grade girls vs parents @ halftime lighting
- 12:30 7th & 8th grade boys vs parents
- 1:00 Odds vs Evens Alumni game
- 2:00 Boys JV vs Alumni 2014 - 2018
- 3:00 Girls Varsity vs Alumni
- 4:00 Boys Varsity vs Faculty
- 5:00 Clean up
- 6:00 Worship Service

FAMILY OPEN GYM NIGHT RESCHEDULED Due to recent weather, the ILS Parent Teacher Organization "Family Open Gym Night" was rescheduled for Tuesday, Mar 19, 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.

NEW: High School Basketball Banquet/Awards Night will be held at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 21**, (originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 20) the church basement. It is a catered event. The cost is \$10/person (checks may be made out to ILS Athletics) and given to Mrs. Harris in the school office. Please RSVP by March 14 to marie.casto@immanuelmankato.org..

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.

NEEDED: Altar Flower Volunteers Volunteers are needed to assist with altar flowers in April. Find the sign-up sheet in the narthex along with additional directions. You can also email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org to sign-up or get more information.

DAILY REST DEVOTION BOOK The first issue of a new devotion book will be placed in every member's mailbox and is free of charge. To receive additional issues, there is an annual subscription of \$15. Sign-up sheets with additional directions can be found in the entryways.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS that were not already picked up have been mailed out. If you did not receive a statement, please contact Douglas Schaller at financial.secretary@immanuelmankato.org or at (507) 340-5087.

CLC Announcements

CLC CALL NEWS Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah, Eau Claire WI, has returned the call to serve at Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. <> Missionary Peter Evensen has returned the call to Resurrection Lutheran of Corpus Christi, TX. <> Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA has called Teacher Andrew Roehl, Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, to be principal and additional teacher.

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