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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

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON Logan Wendt

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer ♦ SOUND Craig Stelter

VIDEO Tony Harris ♦ SCREEN Russ Schmitt ♦ FLOWERS Daryl Pischner

HEAD USHER Karl Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Kyle Hulke

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Richard Lueck; Gary Mittelsteadt; Alan Olmanson; Brent Schreyer;
Ben Stratton; Tim Williams

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 32 (pg. 130, Red Hymnal)

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, we thank and praise you for being the mediator between God and man. You are true God and so are able to stand before God in heaven. You are true man and have been tempted as we have, yet without sin. You are Jesus, the perfect Sacrifice and the righteous Priest. Reign in our hearts, Lord Jesus! Amen!*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." *John 8:58*

Hymn

2 Red Hymnal

To Thy Temple I Repair

INVOCATION

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

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

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.**

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: 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

We Praise Our Lord

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 32: 1-2, 10-11

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

C: **Whose sin is covered.**

P: Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,

C: **And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;

C: **But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.**

P: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;

C: **And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

P: Glory be to God!

♪ **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.

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,

The Lord of all in spirit did behold

High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,

With robes that filled the temple courts with light.

Above the throne were flaming seraphim;

Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.

With two they veiled their faces as was right,

With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,

And with the other two aloft they soared;

One to the other called and praised the Lord:

HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF HEAV'NLY HOSTS!

HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF HEAV'NLY HOSTS!

HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF HEAV'NLY HOSTS!

HIS GLORY FILLS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH!

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,

And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Christian Worship #267

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Our Lord Speaks to Us

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 21: 4-9

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

"FATHER WELCOMES"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 9: 11-15

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

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.

Hymn

220 *Red Hymnal*

Jesus, My Great High Priest

SERMON MEDITATION**JOHN 8: 46-59**

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"Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." 48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 "And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. 51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." 52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'if anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.'" 53 "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father

who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." 59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

"He who is of God, hears God's Word."

1. It's true. No matter how much you question Jesus.
2. It's true. And it's a matter of life and death.

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

We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord

OFFERTORY *Red Hymnal pg 22ff*

- ♪ **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

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
307 *Red Hymnal* Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord
305 *Red Hymnal* 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

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn
245 *Red Hymnal* God Loved the World So that He Gave

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Serving Us Midweek

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew ♦ **DEACON** Gary Hanel (1pm) Paul Bade (6pm)
ORGANIST Colleen Matzke (1pm) Bonnie Cornish (6pm) ♦ **SOUND** Craig Stelter ♦ **SCREEN** Cliff Kuehne (1pm) Russ Schmitt (6pm) ♦ **FLOWERS** Viv Hanel ♦ **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 Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON (Sat) Daniel Pfeiffer (Sun) Paul Bade
ORGANIST Viv Hanel ♦ SOUND ____ ♦ VIDEO Paul Bode
SCREEN Russ Schmitt ♦ FLOWERS Viv Hanel ♦ 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

Last Week

Gatherings

March 30-31

Saturday Worship: 92
Sunday Worship: 320
Weekend Total: 412

Sunday Bible Class: 22
Sunday School: 72
Ambassadors: 5

April 3

1 pm Worship: 37
6 pm Worship: 162

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: 8
Old Main: 6
Walnut Towers: 8

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Benevolent \$20
Current Expenses **\$12,495.19**
Weekly Need \$13,105.13
ILS Foundation \$30
ILS Student Aid \$75
ILS Tuition Aid \$40
Land Purchase \$110
Major Improvement \$1
New Equipment Fund \$100

CLC

ILC Student Aid \$10
Kinship \$280
Missions (Cooperative Budget) **\$544**
Weekly Need \$1,195.09
Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$114**

From the Board of Finance: The first months of 2019 were challenging for consistent church attendance—bad roads, cancelled services, cold, This likely contributed to our \$15,000 deficit in offerings at the end of February. This is a larger deficit than the same time last year, a year with a very large deficit in November/December (which the Lord graciously moved us to overcome). We would like to avoid the situation this year. Therefore, we encourage you to review your contribution budget, to see if winter has affected your goals for giving. If you would like periodic contribution statements from the Financial Secretary during the year instead of one year-end annual statement, please contact Douglas Schaller at financial.secretary@immanuelmankato.org or at 507-625-5700 to schedule additional statements. Thank you.

This Week

- Sat Apr 6** 6:00p **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper
7:00p Bible Study in the church basement
- Sun Apr 7** 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** with the Lord's Supper
- Mon Apr 8** 8:10a ILS K-6 Devotion in the church sanctuary
7:00p ILS Spring Concert in the church sanctuary
- Tues Apr 9** 9:30a Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
3p-5p Pastors Office Hours
6:30p Deacons Meeting in the basement conference room
7:00p Board of Education Meeting in the language classroom
7:00p Property Board Meeting in the basement
7:30p Finance Board Meeting
8:00p Council Meeting in the basement
- Wed Apr 10** 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7
1:00p Lent **WORSHIP**
5:00p Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) in the 7th-8th grade classroom
6:00p Lent **WORSHIP**
7:15p ILS PTO Business Meeting in the basement
- Thu Apr 11** 10:00a **WORSHIP**, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
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 Apr 12** 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
2:15p ILS Drama Production "Performance of Pandora's Box"
7:00p Apologetics Seminar in the church basement
- Sat Apr 13** 8:00a Church Cleaning Day – see announcement below for more info
10:00a Bible Study, *Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*
2:00p Ambassadors Game Day – see announcement below for more info
6:00p **WORSHIP**
7:00p Bible Study in the church basement
- Sun Apr 14** 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**
11:30a ILS Drama Production "Performance of Pandora's Box"

Immanuel Announcements

DAILY REST DEVOTION BOOK The first issue of a new devotion book, Daily Rest, was 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. Deadline to sign-up is this Sunday, **April 7**.

INVITATION: ILS Spring Concert All are invited to the ILS Spring Concert on Monday, **April 8**, at 7 pm in the church sanctuary. The concert features the school band and handball choir.

INVITATION: ILS Drama Production Everyone is welcome to attend the K-8 grade drama production of The Tale of Pandora's Box. Performances will take place Friday, **April 12**, at 2:15 pm and Sunday, **April 14**, at 11:30 am.

INVITATION: Apologetics Seminar All are invited to an Apologetics Seminar in the church basement on **April 12**, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Matt Starland, a member of Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN, will be presenting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Church Cleaning Day is scheduled for **April 13** from 8 am – 1 pm. Lunch is a potluck with WSO Division 3 assisting with serving. A master cleaning list will be posted in case you are not able to help on April 13, but can come on your own schedule to assist. Questions, contact a member of the property board as listed below.

Chairman Kyle Hulke 507-382-7335

Matt Hagen 507-327-4188

Jesse Cornish 507-382-7545

Charles Olmanson 507-351-0754

Joe Friedrichs 507-380-7521

Mick Rykhus 507-380-1653

AMBASSADORS EVENT High school age students are invited for pizza, games and a devotion in the church basement on **April 13**, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Please sign up in the school office by April 12.

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be **April 21**, from 8:00 - 9:30 am. Per tradition, the men of the congregation prepare and serve. All men wishing to assist are welcome. For more information, contact Daryl Pischner 507-340-4143, Mark Stelter 507-381-3308 or Larry Hartman 507-345-6139.

BANQUET RSVP If you received an invitation in your church mailbox for the ILHS Junior/Senior Banquet, please RSVP at secretary@immanuelmankato.org or by calling or texting Paula at 507-720-1174. Due to a meal count deadline, **RSVP's will not be accepted after April 23**. Prepayment is preferred. Make checks payable to *Immanuel Student Funds*.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Immanuel is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on **April 25** in the narthex (not the gym) from 12 pm – 5 pm. To make an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter ImmanuelELC. Mara Heinze is coordinating and is looking for 2-4 volunteers to help with check-in and the canteen. Please call 507-382-4331 if interested in volunteering.

NEEDED: For Banquet The ILS junior class needs your old newspapers, old or new plastic whiffle balls of any sizes and colors, latex paint in common colors such as gray, black, white and brown, and old extra paintbrushes of any sizes. If you have other colors of paint, check with Paula as to the need for it. (507-720-1174). Please drop off your donations in the school office. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

My name is Abigail Stelter, I am a senior at ILHS. I Am very excited that God has opened a door of opportunity for me to be a part of the CLC Mission Helper Trip this coming summer! 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 - \$3,500. With the help of my home church and my own personal savings, have put up a portion of the trip but there is still a large sum left in food, lodging, and travel expenses still needed. I am asking for your assistance to help me cover part of the cost for this trip as well as your prayers on behalf of myself, the other volunteers, and the many lost souls who will be reached with the Gospel. Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated and put to good use in the Lord's Kingdom.

CARD DISPLAY Women's Study Guild would like to remind everyone that there are Easter, graduation and Mother's Day cards available for \$0.50 each in the card display located in the church office entryway.

NEEDED: Altar Flower Volunteers The altar flower sign-up for May through October is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex. Please consider volunteering. Questions? Email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or call Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

CLC Announcements

CLC CALL NEWS Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA, to serve as Principal and to teach grades 6-8. <> St. John's, Okabena, MN has called Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, to serve as teacher and principal. <> Resurrection of Corpus Christi, TX, has called Pastor Paul Krause. <> Pastor George Dumann of Salem, Eagle Lake, MN, returned the call to Morris, MN. <> Teacher Seth Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be principal and 4th - 8th grade teacher. <> Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland, CO. <> Mrs. Johanna (Ohlmann) Michalek has accepted the call to serve as Director/Teacher of Small Wonders (Grace Lutheran) Preschool here in Valentine.

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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!