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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 Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer ♦ SOUND Gabe Strand

VIDEO Mike Schweim ♦ SCREEN Cliff Kuehne

FLOWERS Ladies Auxiliary ♦ 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

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 48 (pg. 134, Red Hymnal)

Prayer: O Lord God, we thank you for Christian education that has been provided to these confirmands through the faithful work of their parents, teachers, pastors, and role models. Strengthen them to keep the oaths they make this day and lead them to lives of fruitfulness toward You! Amen!

Confirmation Sunday

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:31

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement 2000, pg 12ff

Preparation for Worship

Entrance Hymn
332 (v. 1-4) *Red Hymnal*

Arm These Thy Soldiers, Mighty Lord
tune TLH 200

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS & 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.

ALL: **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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIAL 37: 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. **2** Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. **3** And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." **4** Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! **5** ` Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. **6** "I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.'" **7** So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. **8** Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. **9** Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'" **10** So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. **11** Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole

house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' 12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JOHN 20: 19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTOLIC 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.

Hymn

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

SERMON MEDITATION

1 JOHN 5: 4-13 (ESV)

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For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not

have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

YOU HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

1. By the Life and Work of Jesus Christ

2. Through the Faith Created in You by the Spirit

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

OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

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

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Public Questions and Profession of Faith

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Do you renounce the devil?

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the verbally inspired and inerrant Word of God?

Do you believe that the teachings of this Lutheran congregation drawn from the Bible as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are true and correct, as the Holy Spirit has led you to know and understand them?

Do you desire to become a communicant member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Do you also, as a member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of the truth of the Holy Scripture, and to suffer all rather than fall away from it?

Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the Divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace, both in Word and Sacraments; to walk in accordance with the Gospel of Christ and in faith, word, and deed remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?

CONFIRMATION BLESSING AND BIBLE VERSE

Hannah Elizabeth Clobes

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jacob Dakota Frye

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Jaegar Benjamin Hanel

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lauryn Olivia Greve

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Elisha William Kirksey

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Austin James Lien

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Katrina Marie McLaughlin

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Luiz Antonio Reyes

Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Tatum Elizabeth Stratton

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Rik Nyademg Thokwath

Romans 4:7-8 Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.

CONFIRMATION HYMN

LAMB OF GOD

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FIRST COMMUNION

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.**

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Let Me Be Thine Forever

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Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON Logan Wendt
ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs ♦ SOUND Craig Stelter ♦ VIDEO Tony Harris
SCREEN Russ Schmitt ♦ FLOWERS _____ ♦ 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

This Week

- Sat Apr 27 6:00p** WORSHIP
7:00p NO Bible Study
- Sun Apr 28 Food Shelf Sunday:** *donations accepted in the church office entry or offering plate*
8:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
9:00a Examination in the church sanctuary; **NO** Bible Study
9:00a Sunday School - *see online calendar for specific classroom locations*
10:00a **WORSHIP** and Confirmation
10:30a-4:00p Church Basement reserved for private event
- Mon Apr 29 8:10a** ILS K-6 Devotion in the church sanctuary
- Tues Apr 30 9:30a** Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
3p-5p Pastors Office Hours
- Wed May 1 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 May 2 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 May 3 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 church sanctuary
- Sat May 4 10:00a** Bible Study, *Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*
5:00p ILS Banquet in the gym
6:00p **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper in the church sanctuary
7:00p Bible Study in the church basement
- Sun May 5 8:15a** Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
9:00a Bible Study in the church sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School - *see online calendar for specific classroom locations*
10:00a **WORSHIP** with the Lord's Supper in the church sanctuary
12:15p ILS Banquet Production Encore in the gym

Last Week

Gatherings

April 19 Good Friday

1 pm Worship: **98**

6 pm Worship: **129**

April 20-21 Easter

Saturday Worship: **58**

7 am Sunday Worship: **98**

10 am Sunday Worship: **318**

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: **8**

Jail: **13**

Men's Breakfast: **27**

New Perspective: **8**

Wedn. Confirmation: **4**

Voters Meeting: 39

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$16,838.68**

Weekly Need **\$13,105.13**

Easter Breakfast **\$369.26**

ILS Foundation **\$10**

ILS Student Aid **\$180**

ILS Tuition Aid **\$40**

Land Purchase **\$135**

Major Improvement **\$51**

Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery **\$450**

CLC

Missions (Coop Budget) **\$605**

Weekly Need **\$1,195.09**

Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$72**

Immanuel Announcements

INVITATION: Confirmation Open House To celebrate Austin's confirmation, the Liens will be having an open house Sunday, **April 28**, from 1-3 pm, at their home. Please come by for cake and coffee! 1969 Valley View Dr, North Mankato.

BANQUET Everyone is welcome to attend the encore performance of the banquet skit following the 10 am service on Sunday, **May 5**. Concessions will be available at 11:30 am with the skit to follow at 12:15 pm.

ILS SOPHOMORE 5K SUPERHERO RUN! Get ready to run the 6th Annual Sophomore 5k Fun Run/Walk! The event will be held on Saturday, **May 11**, at 9:05 am at Sibley Park. This year, there will also be a Kids' K for the young ones! Pick up a registration sheet in the school entry after church or sign up online. The cost is \$20 if signed up by April 28. Children 6th grade and younger are free! More information can be found online at: sophomore5k.weebly.com.

INVITATION: Graduation Open House All are invited to an Open House for Nikolai Mason Becker on Saturday, **May 18**, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm, at the Becker home, 56966 Juneau Rd, Mankato.

SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic Immanuel's annual Church Picnic will take place at Tourtellotte Park on **May 27**, after the Memorial Day Service at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery. The main dish will be provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to bring your own seating or picnic blankets for eating. Lawn games will be provided for children. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

CHURCH CLEANING There are a handful of items on the list that have not been completed. If able to help out on your own schedule, please see the list in the narthex. Be sure to mark items off when completed.

CARD DISPLAY There are 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.

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.

SUMMARY: Quarterly Voter Meeting on April 22, 2019

In membership matters, Katie and Blake Wills were transferred to Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN. Mackenzie and Jackie Friedrichs with children Lucy and Elliot were transferred in from Berea of Sioux Falls, SD. Arlee Schweim was accepted into communicant membership by confession of faith. Harold Wolle and Herb Geiger were removed from Voting Membership per their requests.

The Treasurer's Report showed that we are \$8,700 ahead of our 2019 budget. Our CLC CBP giving is \$6,534 behind plan.

The Board of Deacons are working on creating an Elders Committee.

The Outreach Committee is updating their handbook. And looking for new members.

The Board of Education reported that school fees will be increasing by 2%. Stephanie Roettger will be returning to full-time as the Kindergarten teacher this fall. The winter formal went well and dance guidelines are being finalized.

Interactive Displays were added to the Memorial List. Estimated cost \$38,000. Estimated time-frame for purchase is two years.

The Board of Property thanked those that helped clean. The fire alarms in the narthex were moved to make room for the mailboxes. The Board is annually bidding out snow plowing. One of the boiler pumps was replaced. The gym roof is leaking, bids are being sought to redo the flashing. This winter we missed our gas curtailment, because there was water in our oil tank, this cost us \$700 in fines. The board is looking at our participation in the dual-fuel program. All the door knobs on the classrooms were replaced with knobs that allow them to be locked while the door is closed. The Board is looking into re-keying the building and potentially adding key cards or fobs. Anti-glare for the narthex is being researched. Also looking at potentially replacing the exterior narthex windows with something more energy efficient. Thanks to Fred Friedrichs for installing the new drinking fountain between the Kindergarten and 1&2nd grade rooms. Our asbestos program was reviewed and we are to continue what we are doing.

Information is still be gather on the cross lighting. Without volunteers we will need to hire someone to wax the floors, which is done each summer. The city is asking that we move our container from the alley. The Board is planning to move it into the parking lot next to the other container.

The Cemetery Board thanked those that helped on the April 6 cleanup day. Tire Associated took, for free, twenty-four tires that had been abandoned at the cemetery. The cemetery has a mole issue, the board is working with volunteers to try and get rid of them. The Board is establishing rules for green burials. The backhoe needs hose maintenance, but overall is in good condition. The Cemetery sign and columns by the entry are in poor condition the board is looking at options.

The Constitution was amended by adding under bylaw #2: Suspension and Reinstatement of Voter Membership

A majority vote of the voters present at a regular congregation meeting may:

1. Suspend the voting privileges of a voter who has not attended at least one congregational meeting during the preceding calendar year. Suspension of voting privileges may be brought to the congregation by the Deacons after contacting the voter.
2. Reinstate the voting privileges of a suspended voter who presents himself and requests reinstatement at a regular meeting.

The Investment Committee reported that results are looking good.

The meeting was adjourned. Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

CLC Announcements

INVITATION: Committal Service

The committal service for Pastor Rollin Reim is scheduled for 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 19, at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in New Ulm, MN. The service will be conducted by one of his former pastors and our current Pastor Neal Radichel.

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

TRAVELING VBS The TVBS committee has finalized the 2019 destinations. Teams will be going to California, Michigan, Nebraska, Washington, and Milwaukee, WI. If you are interested in volunteering and/or for more information, visit <http://www.clctvbs.org/tvbs>.

ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT registration is open This year's theme is Confidence. In the post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the salvation which He has won. This 20's and 30's retreat is June 13-16, in Pillager, MN. Cost is \$140 per adult; \$100 per child. For more info, visit: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

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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!