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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
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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 111 (Red Hymnal pg 147)

Prayer Dear Lord Jesus, As they offered gifts most rare, At Thy cradle,
rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy All
our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heavenly King! Holy Jesus,
every day, Keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where
no clouds Thy glory hide! Amen. [Red Hymnal #127:3,4]

Sexagesima Sunday

Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first. *Matt 20:8*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement 2000, pg 12ff

Preparation for Worship

Opening Hymn

377 (v. 1, 4-6) *Red Hymnal*

Salvation unto Us has Come

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 & ABSOLUTION

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Service of the Word

♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 9: 23-24

True glory is found in serving the LORD and honoring His name, not in gaining more attention or popularity for ourselves. Our abilities and talents, especially when it comes to sharing God's Word, are products of God's grace in Christ. May we always display the humility of faith that Jeremiah describes in these verses.

23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

P: O God, my heart is steadfast;

C: **I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.**

P: Awake, lute and harp!

C: **I will awaken the dawn.**

P: I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples,

C: **And I will sing praises to You among the nations.**

P: For Your mercy is great above the heavens,

C: **And Your truth reaches to the clouds.**

ALL: **Amen!**

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24 - 10:5

Paul describes the Christian faith like a race and an athletic competition. He also hearkens back to the Old Testament with examples from the exodus. Believers are encouraged in their race of faith to seek the imperishable crown of life in Christ. Our competition is not to win this crown on our own, but to follow Christ who has won the ultimate victory over all our enemies. Those who believe in His name are given (freely) this crown of eternal life, just as those believers in the Old Testament believed and received (Revelation 2:10).

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **25** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. **26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. **27** But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. **10:1** Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, **2** all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, **3** all ate the same spiritual food, **4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. **5** But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

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 **FIRST ARTICLE (CREATION)**

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children (preschool - 2nd grade) are invited to come forward and gather around the pastor in the front of the church.

Hymn of the Day
640 *Red Hymnal*

God the Father, Son, and Spirit

SERMON MEDITATION

MATTHEW 20: 1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. **2** Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. **3** And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, **4** and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. **5** Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. **6** And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing

here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' 14 Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen."

Wondering about your Wage...?

1. What am I laboring for?

2. Whom am I laboring for?

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

OFFERTORY

Tan Hymnal pg 16

♪ **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

Offering Meditation: Romans 6: 23 *N. Radichel*

*Every day I wake up, I say "Today will be a better day...
There are, plenty of things I'd like to do
But how fast, can the day slip away"
So every night I lay down, and I Look back before I rest
There are plenty things my hands found to do,
and I know for my wages is death.*

The Gift of God is Eternal life in... Jesus Christ.

*So, Lord make today different So what I do will glorify You
For Your Word is the Power in me
Not just to serve, but for me to see...*

Offering Hymn
507 (v. 1, 6) *Red Hymnal*

Spread, Oh, Spread,
Thou Mighty Word

PRAYERS & 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

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.*

Text: public domain. Tune: Kayla Wendt.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn
377 (v. 9-10) *Red Hymnal*

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Serving Us Next Week

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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

Last Week

Gatherings

February 16-17

Saturday Worship: **62**

Sunday Worship: **208**

Weekend Total: **270**

Saturday Bible Study: **6**

Sunday Bible Study: **42**

Sunday School: **36**

Ambassadors: **9**

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: **11**

Men's Breakfast: **25**

New Perspective: **7**

Old Main: **4**

Primrose: **4**

Walnut Towers: **6**

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$8,834.77**

Weekly Need **\$13,059.97**

ILS Foundation **\$35**

ILS Tuition Aid **\$80**

Land Purchase **\$165**

Life Insurance Beneficiary **\$3,238**

Major Improvement **\$20**

CLC

ILC Building **\$10**

ILC Student Aid **\$10**

Missions (Cooperative Budget) **\$525**

Weekly Need **\$1,134.69**

Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$87**

Pastor McKenny Family **\$30**

In memory of Rose Kroeger

ILS **\$10**

This Week

- Sat Feb 23 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*
10:00a **WORSHIP**
11:00a Sunday School Teachers Meeting *in the language classroom*
- Mon Feb 25 8:10a** ILS K-6 Devotion *in the sanctuary*
6:30p Family Open Gym Night *hosted by ILS PTO in the gym*
- Tues Feb 26 9:30a** Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
3p-5p Pastors Office Hours
5:00p ILS Basketball Home Game Boys JV vs Cleveland
6:00p ILS Basketball Home Game Boys Varsity vs Cleveland
6:30p Deacons Meeting *in the basement conference room*
7:00p Board of Education Meeting *in the language classroom*
- Wed Feb 27 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7*
5:00p Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) *in the 7th-8th grade classroom*
5p-9p ILS Basketball Fundraiser at *Buffalo Wild Wings*
- Thu Feb 28 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 1 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*
4:00p ILS Basketball Home Game Boys JV vs RAHS
5:30p ILS Basketball Home Game Girls Varsity vs RAHS
7:00p ILS Basketball Home Game Boys Varsity vs RAHS
- Sat Mar 2 10:00a** Bible Study, *Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street*
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

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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!

Immanuel Announcements

MISSION FESTIVAL FELLOWSHIP A Fellowship Meal will be served in the gym following the 11 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

FAMILY OPEN GYM NIGHT The ILS Parent Teacher Organization is hosting a "Family Open Gym Night" this coming Monday, February 25, 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.

EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS FOR ILS ATHLETICS This coming Wednesday, February 27, at Buffalo Wild Wings (across from Home Depot) in Mankato. Mention to your server that you are there as part of ILS Basketball and 15% of your bill will be donated to ILS. (Does not include alcohol, tax, gratuity, or any other discounts). Thank you for your support!

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 school office or you may contact the school secretary, Amanda Harris, at 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 (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.

High School Basketball Awards Banquet

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

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. <> Teacher Andrew Roehl, of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to teach at Valley Bible Academy of Clarkston, WA.

CLC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BAND The 16th Annual CLC Basketball Tournament Band will be performing at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI. Any CLC band student in grades 5-8 is invited to play with us. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. NEW this year--REGISTER and print music for six songs ONLINE at <http://clclutheran.net/tourney> Click on "Band information". Exact rehearsal and performance times will be announced by mid-February. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Lau at music@thelaus.com

MCKENNEY FAMILY AID Recently, the Lord in His mercy called CLC pastor Kevin McKenney of Cambridge, WI home to glory. His family is facing major financial challenges due to funeral costs, as well as ongoing expenses. CLC President Michael Eichstadt has authorized a synod-wide offering to help the family. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate with "Kevin McKinney Family" written in the memo line or on your envelope CLC Other Fund line. Your gifts will be forwarded to the CLC Business Office.

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