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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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### Pre-Service Meditation

**Psalm 40** (pg. 132, Red Hymnal)

**Prayer** Lord Jesus, You have freed us from darkness and slavery to sin. Help us to now be imitators of God by encouraging us to remove the empty words and sins of this world away from us. You brought us to the light, Lord Jesus. Strengthen us to walk in Your light! Amen!

# Third Sunday in Lent

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. *Ephesians 5:8* 

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement 2000, pg 12ff

## Preparation for Worship

Entrance Hymn 437 *Red Hymnal* 

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

#### 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.

#### **FIRST LESSON**

JEREMIAH 26: 1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD: 'Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. 3 `Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.' 4 "And you shall say

to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, 5 "to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), 6 "then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth."" 7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. 8 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die! 9 "Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant '?" And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. 10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD'S house. 11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. 13 "Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. 14 "As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. 15 "But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

GRADE SCHOOL CHOIR

O JESUS, MY SAVIOR

#### SECOND LESSON

LUKE 11: 14-28

And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." 16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 "If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom

stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. 24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 "And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." 27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him. "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" 28 But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

- 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.

#### I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

#### **SERMON MEDITATION**

EPHESIANS 5: 1-10 (ESV)

sermons and services online at www.ImmanuelMankato.org

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

#### WELCOME TO MIME SCHOOL

- 1. Established by the Cross of Christ
- 2. You've been Accepted by Christ
- 3. Discern What is Pleasing to Christ

Preaching today Pastor Joe Naumann 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.

Hymn 775 *Tan Hymnal* 

Thy Strong Word

#### OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

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 OF THE CHURCH & 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.

Congregational Response: **♪** Amen.

#### Closing Hymn 48 *Red Hymnal*

#### How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word

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### Last Week

#### **Gatherings**

#### March 16-17

Saturday Worship: 52 Sunday Worship: 337 Weekend Total: 389 Saturday Bible Study: 7 Sunday Bible Class: 41

Sunday School: 43 Ambassadors: 7

#### March 20

1 pm Worship: **45** 6 pm Worship: **115** 

#### **Bible Studies**

Adult Instruction: 7
Autumn Grace: 5
Men's Breakfast: 24
New Perspective: 8

Old Main: 5
Pathstone: 18
Primrose: 4
Walnut Towers: 7

Wednesday Confirmation: 7

#### Fruits of Faith

#### **Immanuel**

Benevolent \$22 Current Expenses \$16,306.03

Weekly Need \$13,105.13

ILS Foundation \$10

ILS Student Aid \$105

ILS Tuition Aid \$40 Land Purchase \$361

Major Improvement \$70

Mission Helper \$70

#### CLC

ILC Building **\$85** 

ILC Student Aid \$10

Missions (Cooperative Budget) \$773

Weekly Need \$1,195.09

Mission Development Fund (MDF) \$197

Pastor McKenney family \$30

#### Did you know?

Offerings specifically designated to **Major Improvement Fund (MIF)** help with major repair and replacement costs for our physical property. For instance, MIF funds will pay for reroofing projects, carpet replacement, and heating and cooling system updates among other major improvements to our facility.

### This Week

Sat	Mar 23	6:00p 7:00p	WORSHIP Bible Study in the church basement
Sun	Mar 24	9:00a 9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM Bible Study in the church basement Sunday School - see online calendar for specific classroom locations WORSHIP
Mon	Mar 25	8:10a	ILS K-6 Devotion in the church sanctuary
Tues	Mar 26	9:30a 3p-5p 6:30p 7:00p	Bible Study, New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road Pastors Office Hours Deacon's Meeting in the basement conference room Board of Education Meeting in the language classroom
Wed	Mar 27	12:45p 1:00p	Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7 Lent <b>WORSHIP</b>
		2:00p 5:00p 6:00p	Ladies' Auxiliary enter through the south school entrance; serving: M. Timm Confirmation Class (for non-ILS students) in the 7th-8th grade classroom Lent WORSHIP
Thu	Mar 28	10:00a 1:30p 5:00p 5:45p 6:00p	Bible Study, Walnut Towers, 105 E. Walnut Street Bible Study, Old Main, 301 S. Fifth Street Adult Instruction Class in the language classroom Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7 Church Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary
Fri	Mar 29	8a-10a 9:30a 10:15a	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study in the church basement Pastors' Office Hours ILS K-12 Chapel in the sanctuary WORSHIP, Pathstone, 708 Mound Avenue WORSHIP, Autumn Grace, 118 Raven Court Arts Camp Weekend begins
Sat	Mar 30	10:00a 6:00p 7:00p 7:00p	Bible Study, <i>Primrose</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor community room, 1360 Adams Street <b>WORSHIP NO</b> Bible Study Arts Camp Show in the gym
Sun	Mar 31	8:15a 9:00a 9:00a	helf Sunday: donations accepted in the church office entry or offering plate Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM Bible Study (Current Events Q & A) in the church basement Sunday School - see online calendar for specific classroom locations WORSHIP

# Serving Us Midweek

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Steve Wolle (1pm) Daniel Pfeiffer (6pm) ORGANIST Viv Hanel (1pm) Grace Schreyer (6pm) ♦ SOUND Gabe Strand

SCREEN Cliff Kuehne (1pm) Russ Schmitt (6pm) ◆ FLOWERS Mark Stelter & Kristen Friedrichs ◆ 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

## Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Neal Radichel ◆ DEACON Mark Stelter ◆ ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish ◆ SOUND Craig Stelter ◆ VIDEO Alan Olmanson ◆ SCREEN Cliff Kuehne ◆ FLOWERS Mark Stelter & Kristen Friedrichs ◆ USHERS Council

### Immanuel Announcements

**ARTS CAMP 2019** is March 29-31. All are welcome to attend the show to be held on Saturday, **March 30**, at **7 pm**, in the gym. <a href="https://www.lmmanuelMankato.org/school/arts-camp">www.lmmanuelMankato.org/school/arts-camp</a>

**MEMORIAL PLANTS FOR THE ALTAR ON EASTER** Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter. If interested in purchasing plants, please sign up in the entry way. Lilies are available for \$8 each and tulips are available for \$13 each. The deadline to order is Sunday, **March 31**. Questions? Email <a href="mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org">StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org</a> or call Katie Dick at 612-616-4600.

**NEEDED:** Volunteers for ILS Career Fair The Immanuel PTO needs your help in making the career fair happen! There are only 12 volunteers signed up to present their career on April 3. Please respond by Monday, March 25, if you are willing to host a table. The PTO will consider cancelling the career fair this year if there are not at least 20 volunteers.

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY** Pilgrims Rest Cemetery Board is scheduling the annual cemetery cleanup day on **April 6** with a backup date on April 27. We will be doing general garbage cleanup, branch and leaf removal, raising lot markers and flat stones, and leveling of the grounds. If you have equipment available, please bring rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow. We plan on a 9 am start time, lunch (provided) around 11:30, ending around 1:30-2:00 pm depending on the number of volunteers. Please contact Tony Harris 507-382-3081 or Scott Kruse 507-317-0699 with any questions.

**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.

**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.

**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 <a href="mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org">StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org</a> or call Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK...** The Deacons are interested in feedback about a number of recent efforts (mailboxes, service music, nametag Sunday, etc.) A half sheet survey was placed in everyone's mailboxes and extra copies are available in the narthex. Please leave your feedback in the drop box in the narthex.

**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.

**HELP YOURSELF** There is a box of Church Service and School Programs on VHS and Cassette tapes in the narthex. Members are welcome to take any of them home! Any remaining tapes will be discarded at the end of the month.

**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.

#### 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 to East Africa this coming summer. It is truly a blessing that the Lord has given us the opportunity to visit the people of Zambia and Tanzania. I, along with the other volunteers, will have the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel to 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 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 - \$3,500. 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 and will be greatly appreciated and put to good use in the Lord's Kingdom. Thank you for your consideration.

In Christ, Abigail Stelter

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to <a href="mailto:Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org">Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org</a> or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

### CLC Announcements

**CLC CALL NEWS** George Dummann of Salem, Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to serve at Bethel, Morris, MN.

**RETIREMENT GIFT** Professor Paul Schaller has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1972, he served in the pastoral ministry in CA and WA until 1996 when he began his service at ILC where he has served for 23 years. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities in May 2019. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Schaller as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at graduation on May 18. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College, indicating Prof. Schaller Retirement. Send your gift to ILC, 501 Grover Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BRETHREN IN MYANMAR Last week Pastor Thang, who serves as the President of the CLC-Myanmar, was injured in an accident while helping to build church benches for one of the congregations. He was struck by a truck and sustained severe internal injuries. He was taken across the border to India where proper medical equipment was available and he had surgery to repair the damage. It appears that surgery was successful, but they do not know how soon he will be able to return home. To assist the family and church body, the Board of Mission will be sending emergency medical aid through KINSHIP. Those who are moved to help with this or similar needs may support Project KINSHIP through their congregation or using the online giving page through the CLC Bookhouse: <a href="http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/donations/kinship-donations/">http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/donations/kinship-donations/</a>. Please remember Pastor Thang, his family and our Myanmar brethren in your prayers!

### Save the Dates: 2019 CLC Events

EVENTS FOR ADULTS	Dates	For whom
Arise and Shine Retreat (Pillager, MN) www.ariseandshineretreat.com	June 13-16	"20s & 30s"-
CLC Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)	June 18-20	CLC Clergy
CLC "ManUP" Retreat (Wyalusing, WI) <a href="http://ManUp.CLCLutheran.org">http://ManUp.CLCLutheran.org</a>	Sept. 12-15	All men
CLC Women's Retreat (Chadron, NE) www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	Sept. 20-22	All women
CLC Women's Retreat (Myrtle Beach, SC) www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	November 1-3	All women