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Quinquagesima Sunday

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Welcome!

We are excited to share the Good News with you!

Guests, please sign our guestbook in the entry. Please join us again.

Serving Us This Week

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Mark Stelter ♦ ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs
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FLOWERS Laura Heinze / Kristen Friedrichs ♦ GREETERS (Sat) _____ (Sun) Lien
HEAD USHER Joe Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Michael Wheaton ♦ USHERS Ben
Busse; Jacob Busse; Peter Busse; Sherman Carstensen; Jason Dick; Mark Geiger;
Sam Geschwind; Sam Hagen; Kevin Moeri; Karl Mueller; Bernt Olmanson; Charles
Olmanson; Chuck Schmid; Nick Schmid; Noah Schmid; Ben Stelter; Wayne Timm

ASH WEDNESDAY

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ SOUND / FLOWERS / USHERS same as above
1 PM: DEACON O Olmanson ♦ ORGANIST K Friedrichs ♦ SCREEN C Kuehne
6 PM: DEACON _____ ♦ ORGANIST L Fischer ♦ SCREEN R Schmitt

DID YOU KNOW?

Quinquagesima means the Sunday before the beginning of Lent.

Baptism now saves you.

1 Peter 3:21 (EHV)

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 17 *See the Psalm of the Day*

Prayer Dear Lord, daily remind me of my baptism, through which You washed all of my sins away and made me one of Your own dear children. May this precious knowledge shape my heart, my life, and my service to my neighbor. Amen!

Order of Service

Worship Supplement 2000, pg 12ff

Preparation for Worship

Entrance Hymn 10 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made

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 ISAIAH 35:3-7

Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. **4** Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." **5** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the

ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. **6** Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. **7** The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 17:8-15

P: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C: Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

P: From the wicked who oppress me,

C: From my deadly enemies who surround me.

P: They have closed up their fat hearts;

C: With their mouths they speak proudly.

P: They have now surrounded us in our steps;

C: They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth,

P: As a lion is eager to tear his prey,

C: And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

P: Arise, O LORD, Confront him, cast him down;

C: Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,

P: With Your hand from men, O LORD, From men of the world who have their portion in this life,

C: And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure

P: They are satisfied with children,

C: And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.

P: As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness;

C: I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

SECOND LESSON JOHN 12:23-36

But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. **24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. **25** "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. **27** "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour ' ? But for

this purpose I came to this hour. **28** "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." **29** Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." **30** Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. **31** "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **32** "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." **33** This He said, signifying by what death He would die. **34** The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" **35** Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. **36** "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited to come forward and gather around the pastor in the front of the church.

Hymn of the Day 751 WS2000 (Tan Hymnal)
God's Only Child, I Gladly Say It

18 because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, 19 in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. 20 These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. 21 And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 22 He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Baptism Is the Guarantee of a Good Conscience Before God

1. Because of the Suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Reigning of Jesus Christ
2. Because Your Baptism Connects You to Christ's Work

*Preaching today Pastor Joe Naumann
bulletins and services online at www.ImmanuelMankato.org*

OFFERTORY WS2000 (TAN HYMNAL) PG 16

In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

♪ 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 367 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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 & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

ANTHEM BY THE ILS CHOIR
Go Now in Peace *by Natalie Sleeth*

Hymn 800 WS2000 (Tan Hymnal)
Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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Serving Us Next Week

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COMMUNION WARE (Sat) Williams (Sun) Pfeiffer/Hoffman; Schreyer/Mueller
HEAD USHER Karl Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Kyle Hulke ♦ USHERS Aaron Busse;
Mac Friedrichs; Matt Hagen; Andrew Lentz; Austin Lien; Gary Mittelsteadt; Kyle
Ochsner; Alan Olmanson; Leif Olmanson; Alex Schmitt; Brent Schreyer; Collin
Schreyer; Ted Schreyer; Ben Stratton; Ross Theneman; Tim Williams

REMINDER: A Special Voters Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, February 23, following the 10 am service. The agenda includes:

- Teacher Call
- Membership Matters
- Deacon Nomination
- Budget Amendment

This Week

- Sat Feb 22 6:00p WORSHIP
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
7:00p Saturday School *in the Kindergarten room*
- Sun Feb 23 Food Shelf Sunday: *donations accepted in the church office entry or offering plate*
9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement*
9:00a Sunday School *in designated classrooms*
9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
10:00a WORSHIP
Note: ILS Grade School Choir sings
11:00a Church Choir Practice *in the sanctuary*
11:00a Special Voters Meeting *in the church basement*
- Mon Feb 24 Have a blessed week!
- Tues Feb 25 9:00a Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
9:00a Bible Study, *Realife, 50 Teton Lane*
3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
7:00p Board of Education *in the high school language room*
- Wed Feb 26 12:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
1:00p WORSHIP: Ash Wednesday Service
5:00p Public School Catechism *in the pastors' offices*
6:00p WORSHIP: Ash Wednesday Service
- Thu Feb 27 9:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E. Walnut Street*
10:00a Bible Study, *Water's Edge, 800 Agency Trail*
1:30p Bible Study, *Old Main, 301 S. Fifth Street*
5:00p Jail Ministry Meeting *in the pastors' offices*
5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
- Fri Feb 28 6:30a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *in the church basement*
8-9:30a Pastors' Office Hours
9:30a ILS K-12 Chapel *in the sanctuary*
5:00p ILS Home Basketball Game Boys JV vs RAHS
6:30p ILS Home Basketball Game Girls Varsity vs RAHS
8:00p ILS Home Basketball Game Boys Varsity vs RAHS
- Sat Feb 29 9:00a Worship Music Practice *in the church sanctuary*
10:00a Bible Study, *Primrose, Fireplace Community Rm, 1360 Adams St*
6:00p WORSHIP *with the Lord's Supper*
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*
7:00p Saturday School *in the Kindergarten room*
7:30p Lenten Christian Music Festival *in the sanctuary*
- Sun Mar 1 9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement*
9:00a Sunday School *in designated classrooms*
9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
10:00a WORSHIP *with the Lord's Supper*
11:00a Church Choir Practice *in the sanctuary*

Last Week

Gatherings

February 15-16

Saturday Worship: 99

Sunday Worship: 244

Weekend Total: 343

Saturday Bible Class: 19

Saturday School: 7

Sunday Bible Class: 40

Sunday School: 22

Ambassadors: 3

Bible Studies

Men's Breakfast: 25

Old Main: 17

Primrose: 6

New Perspective: 9

Realife: 7

Walnut Towers: 5

Worship

Autumn Grace: 10

Pathstone: 22

Water's Edge: 8

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Current Expenses \$10,125.25

Weekly Need \$13,859.87

Benevolent \$20

ILS Interactive Display Fund \$30

ILS Preschool Fund \$50

ILS Student Aid \$750

ILS Tuition Aid \$80

Land Purchase \$185

Major Improvement \$85

Mission Helper (Mkto) \$100

MPF Bleacher Fund \$2

CLC

Missions (Coop. Budgeted Plan CBP) \$782

Weekly Need \$1,138.31

ILC Building \$20

ILC Student Aid \$51

Mission Development Fund (MDF) \$10

In memory of Herb Geiger

ILS Foundation \$20

Undesignated \$40

Did you know?

The Benevolent Fund provides money for emergency aid to both members and non-members. Money from this fund is used to provide among other things gas vouchers, grocery gift cards, clothing vouchers, a night's lodging at a local motel, or emergency utility and rent assistance.

Immanuel Announcements

A CANDLELIGHT LENTEN MUSIC FESTIVAL has been planned for Saturday, **February 29**, at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Immanuel and surrounding sister congregations are invited to attend as well as sing and play a favorite Lenten or Easter piece! If interested, please send your selection to our Church Secretary, Hilary Lien at church@immanuelmankato.org. We will still be having Bible Class and Saturday School at the regular time, but may get done a bit early.

CAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our annual high school Christian Athletic League (CAL) Basketball Tournament is coming up **March 5, 6, and 7**. Information about the basketball tournament (i.e. game locations, game times, etc.) can be found online at: www.immanuelmankato.org/school/cal

Volunteers Needed We are in need of volunteers to help monitor halls, help clean up, and work in the concession stand (**We do ask that all students 8th grade and under who wish to work in the concession stand 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, after church next Sunday, after church Wednesday, February 26 and March 4, and in the school office during the week.**

Tournament Passes 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 church today, after church next Sunday, or after church Wednesday, February 26 or March 4. Passes may also be picked up in the school office through Wedn, March 4. **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.

If you have any questions concerning the CAL Tournament, please contact Julie Busch 345-3027 or 386-0706.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Immanuel is hosting a blood drive from 12 pm – 5 pm on Friday, **March 13**, in the gym. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ImmanuelELC. Volunteers are also needed to be greeters or canteen helpers. Please call Mara Heinze at 507-382-4331 if you can help or if you have questions.

ILC TOUR CHOIR AT IMMANUEL: *Sat, March 21 @ 7:30 pm*
Invite your friends and bring your family to this rare opportunity to hear beautiful anthems of praise to God by the students of Immanuel Lutheran College, traveling to us from Eau Claire, WI. We will need help to provide housing and food for 32 students. A sign-up sheet for housing is on the table in the Narthex and monetary donations for a March 21 dinner for the students can be placed in the offering plate. Please consider today what you can do to help!

UPDATE ON EXPANSION RELOCATION COMMITTEE (ERC)

This past year the ERC has been investigating three different approaches to expanding and/or relocating: 1) purchasing bare land and building new, 2) buying an existing facility and remodeling, and 3) starting a preschool. The ERC divided into groups to fabricate basic plans for how expansion/relocation phases would look for each approach. These plans are still being developed. Through this, the ERC helped implement an Immanuel Preschool Committee to carry on the work being done by the ERC-preschool group. Look for future updates and goals from the ERC in how we can work together for the ministry of Christ for our church and school.

MISSION HELPER FUND This year Immanuel is blessed to be represented on the CLC Mission Helper Trip by our member Nyibol Kuan. This trip is a significant expense and we generally try to support our Mission Helpers by helping them pay for part of their trip. The Mission Helper Fund is currently empty, so please consider supporting Nyibol and future Mission Helpers by giving to this fund. Thank you!

NEEDED: Tools The Board of Property is looking to acquire donated hand tools to supplement our tool inventory in order to be better equipped to take care of the church and school. If you have any tools you are able to donate, please connect with Kyle Hulke at 507-382-7335.

HELPERS NEEDED We are still looking for more volunteers to:

- 1) show slides for the worship services (contact: Cliff Kuehne 385-0696) and
- 2) video-record the worship services - particularly the midweek services (contact: Alan Olmanson 344-0328).

Neither of these tasks are very complicated to do, but we would like to have a few more people to help if possible! Please contact the respective individuals above for more info.

CLC Announcements

CLC CALL NEWS Deana Pfeiffer and Leah Fossum accepted their part time calls to Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX, has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Missionary Peter Evenson has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor David Schaller has returned the call by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. They have now called Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

CLC GRADE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT BAND The 17th Annual Tournament Band will be performing at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament at Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, on Saturday, **March 14**. Any CLC student in grades 5-8 that plays a band instrument is invited to play with us. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. REGISTER ONLINE and print music for six songs at <http://clclutheran.net/tourney> Click on "Band information". Exact rehearsal and

performance times (both on March 14) will be announced by mid-February. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Lau, Eau Claire at music@thelaus.com

CLC MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT Registration is now open for the CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Join us **March 20-22** at the new retreat location in Amery, Wisconsin. This year the theme is: You Are Designed. You Are Loved. You Are Sent. *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10.* We will be studying how God designed us as His children, the unique gifts He has given to each of us, and how we can use those gifts to glorify Him in this world. You can access the online registration and all other retreat info online at <https://christianwomensretreat.weebly.com/spring-midwest-retreat.html>. The cost is \$150 per person which includes lodging and all meals. Lodging preferences are on a first come first served basis, so register soon! We hope you can join us for a weekend of fellowship and growing in the study of God's Word! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Radichel or Sarah Radichel at clcmidwestwomensretreat@gmail.com.

2020 MANUP! MEN'S RETREAT The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held **September 24-27**, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our website www.manup.clclutheran.org for more information, pictures of previous retreats and reviews from those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at plstrike7@aol.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in September!

2021 ISRAEL TRIP A group trip to Israel is being planned in January of 2021, and is less than a year away. The dates are set for **January 13-22, 2021**, with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. We currently have 10 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip and many more who have expressed an interest. Join this group of like-minded believers as we see the places where God stepped into History to fulfill His plan of salvation for sinners! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew at 404-729-4602 or at ndmayhew@att.net.

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!