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Welcome!

We are excited to share the Good News with you! Guests, please contact us if you're interested in learning more about Immanuel.

Serving Us This Week

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (7 AM)

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ ORGANIST Colleen Matzke

VIDEO Craig Stelter & Matthew Kranz

EASTER SERVICE (10 AM)

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

VIDEO Craig Stelter & Matthew Kranz

Serving Us Next Week

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

VIDEO Craig Stelter & Matthew Kranz

Order of Service

Entrance Hymn 187 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
Christ is Arisen

INVOCATION *We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.*

Pastor (P): We begin our celebration of the resurrection of our Savior in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen!

Hymn 193 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P:** We have come into the presence of God Almighty, the holy God who created the whole world. In His great love, He also created mankind so that we might love and serve Him as His dear children. But each of us have deeply sinned in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am a sinner. I have sinned often and eagerly. But trusting in the saving work of my Lord Jesus Christ that He has accomplished through His perfect life, His innocent death, and His glorious resurrection, I pray that you would have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- P:** Having heard your confession, I, as a called servant of Christ assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ who rose from death on this Easter Day, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- All:** Amen
- P:** Let us pray...
- C:** ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 52:13-15

Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. **14** Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; **15** So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

RESPONSIVE PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 16

P: Preserve me, O God,

C: **For in You I put my trust.**

P: O my soul, you have said to the LORD,

C: **"You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."**

P: As for the saints who are on the earth,

C: **"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."**

P: Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god;

C: **Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.**

P: O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

C: **You maintain my lot.**

P: The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

C: **Yes, I have a good inheritance.**

P: I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;

C: **My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.**

P: I have set the LORD always before me;

C: **Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.**

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

C: **My flesh also will rest in hope.**

P: For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

C: **Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.**

P: You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;

C: **At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9** receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of your souls. **10** Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-- things which angels desire to look into.

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

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day 201 (v. 1,2,4,5) TLH (Red Hymnal)
Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

SERMON MATTHEW 28:1-8

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Reactions to the Resurrection

1. The Earth Quaked
2. The Guards Fainted
3. The Women Rejoiced

*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 198 (v. 1,2,3,5) TLH (Red Hymnal)
He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

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

While we are worshipping at home, it is important to continue to support the work of Immanuel's ministry with our offerings. This can be done in several ways:

OPTION 1

Mail your weekly contribution to:
421 North Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001

OPTION 2

Drop off your contribution in the mail slot to the left of the school entrance on the south side of the building in the parking lot. Please do not use cash if you choose to use this option.

OPTION 3

**NEW* ELECTRONIC OPTION:* download the CashApp on your mobile device or go to cash.app/login to sign up. Once you sign up, you may pay by connecting a bank account, credit card or debit card. The debit card and bank account options are free; if you use a credit card, the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$immanuelmankato". In the memo section, please indicate your envelope number and how you would like your offering distributed between funds. For example: #317 General Fund: \$25 MDF: \$5.

BONUS: Prior to registering, send the email address that you plan to register with to myoffering@immanuelmankato.org and have Mr. Douglas Schaller send you a referral email from CashApp. This referral will earn a bonus \$5 for Immanuel and for yourself with your first offering. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Secretary at the above email address or at financial.secretary@immanuelmankato.org

Thank you for your continued support of His Work at Immanuel!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 200 (v. 1,2,6,7,8) TLH (Red Hymnal)
I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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In memory of

*Flowers at the front of church have been
purchased in memory of the following:*

Bernice Abbott
Devina May Anderson
Shane Larry Anderson
Robert Becker Sr
Arthur & Verna Born
Kim Born
Fred & Loraine Brandt
Fred & Ardella Bruns
Jeannie Bruns
Erwin Busse
Delmont, Leslie & Beatrice Enter
Rick Enter
Bernard & Arvilla Fiegel
Wally & Bertha Frank
Ken Freundl
Erwin & Helen Friedrichs
Herbert Geiger
Arthur & Erna Hanel
Carol Hanel
Philip Emanuel Hanel

Donald & Ruth Heinze
Tony & Iriene Hiese
Donald Hoffman
Herb Hoffman Jr
Herb & Eleanor Hoffman
Elsa Kettler
Paul Kofoed
Wilton & Frieda Landon
Milton Meyer
Joseph & Delores Morgan
Paul F & Eva Nolting
John Purrington
Jerry Salfer Sr
Irma Schreyer
Myrtle Schreyer
Roman Schreyer
Phyllis & Woodrow Spear
Gert & Ed Stavenau
Erna Weisz
Shirley Wilking

CANCELLED All activities, services, and office hours at Immanuel Lutheran Church have been cancelled due to the shelter-at-home orders issued by our government. Some activities will be conducted online and services will still be live-streamed from Immanuel, but during this time, we ask that no one but the pastors, the organist, and the camera operator attend services in-person. Thank you!

This Week

Sat Apr 11 6:00p No WORSHIP

Sun Apr 12 7:00a Online Easter Sunrise WORSHIP **

9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a Online Easter WORSHIP **

** Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website www.ImmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

Mon Apr 13 NO School – Easter break

Tues Apr 14 9:30a Online Chapel – join us via [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/)

No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!

6:30p Virtual Council & Board Meetings

Wed Apr 15 9:30a Online Chapel – join us via [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/)

12:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7

5:00p Online Public School Catechism Class

Thu Apr 16 9:30a Online Chapel – join us via [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/)

5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7

Fri Apr 17 9:30a Online Chapel – join us via [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/)

No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!

Sat Apr 18 6:00p No WORSHIP

Sun Apr 19 9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a Online WORSHIP

Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website www.ImmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

Last Week

Gatherings

Service Sunday 4/5: **362** views
Service Thursday 4/9: **135** views
Service Friday 4/10: **91** views
Chapel Monday 4/6: **105** views
Chapel Tuesday 4/7: **57** views
Chapel Wednesday 4/8: **109** views
Chapel Thursday 4/9: **no school**
Chapel Friday 4/10: **no school**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 4/10/2020; "views" does not represent the number of viewers, but rather only the number of computers/devices that accessed it

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel	Mail/Drop off	CashApp
Current Expenses		
Weekly Need \$14,304.31	\$15,606	\$775
Benevolent	\$240	\$10
Bequest to be designated	\$200	
Easter	\$635	
Good Friday	\$110	
ILS Foundation	\$15	
ILS Interactive Display Fund	\$10	\$10
ILS Preschool Fund	\$25	
ILS Student Aid	\$660	\$50
Land Purchase	\$50	
Lent	\$405	
Major Improvement	\$80	\$10
Maundy Thursday	\$110	

CLC	Mail/Drop off	CashApp
Missions (Coop. Budgeted Plan CBP)		
Weekly Need \$1,206.18	\$1,155	\$50
KINSHIP	\$100	
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	\$100	

Immanuel Announcements

MEMORIAL PLANTS FOR THE ALTAR ON EASTER If you ordered a potted plant to adorn the altar on Easter, you may mail your payment

to church or use CashApp – please indicate Easter plant in the memo line. Lilies were \$8 each; tulips were \$13 each.

You may pick up your plants at the side entrance to the school by the parking lot on either Easter Sunday from 12:00 – 2:00 pm or Monday, April 13, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Viv Hanel will be supervising these pick-up times from her vehicle due to the social distancing recommendations. If these times do not work for you or if you have questions, please contact Viv at vivianhanel@gmail.com or at 507-304-0463.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP Members of Immanuel, I hope you are all staying happy and healthy! Due to COVID-19 and the social gathering restrictions that go along with it, Pilgrims Rest Cemetery is planning on doing a few cleanup days instead of the traditional single workday. We are going to have a cemetery board member out at the cemetery on April 18, April 25, and May 2 from 9 AM - 12PM. We are looking for 5-7 volunteers for each day to assist us with picking up leaves, sticks, and garbage. If you are interested signing up for one of the workdays, please email Tony Harris at redwolf.harris@gmail.com. Optionally, if you'd like to work out there on your own, you may. Just leave whatever piles of leaves and sticks you gathered next to the closet paved road and a board member will gather them up and take them to the burn pile. If you pick up garbage, we would ask that you bring a garbage bag with you and then leave the bag at the garage. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Harris 507-382-3081.

SAVE THE DATE: Summer VBS Due to the large number of students last summer, the Immanuel Board of Education has decided to host two separate and different sessions of Vacation Bible School this summer. The first will be held **June 8-12**. The second will be held **July 27-31**. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or both sessions!

TVBS OPPORTUNITY Grace Lutheran Church in Valentine, Nebraska is looking for a team of eight teachers to help with their Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates are set for **June 8-11**. The members of Grace plan to host all volunteers and have fun activities planned for the afternoons. Please note that this is the same week that Immanuel will be holding our first session of VBS. So many volunteers are needed. Please speak to Pastor Naumann if you are interested in helping out. Thanks!

ECHO FOOD SHELF If considering a donation to ECHO Food Shelf, please make monetary contributions this month rather than food if possible.

ECHO Food Shelf is participating in this year's Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign through April 7. All monetary and food donations will be proportionately matched by MN Food Share. Every donation counts! .

These donations can be made through the [ECHO website](#) or at their location, 1014 South Front Street. Every \$1 donated is equivalent to \$5.

CLC Announcements

CALL NEWS Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has called Miss Carly Meyer (member of St. Paul, Denver, CO) to be their teacher. <> The Board of Regents has appointed Pastor Mark Weis to serve as the Dean of Students at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College. He will fill the remainder of the term vacated by Mr. Gus Falkenberg who is peacefully stepping down at the end of this academic year so that he can better focus on his role as the boys' dormitory supervisor. We thank Gus for serving faithfully in this capacity. The Dean of Students' main concern is the high school students' and collegians' spiritual and physical well-being while at Immanuel.

VIDEO Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, recently produced a very well done video that gives the Christian perspective of the current pandemic. The video is posted on the clclutheran.org homepage.

RETIREMENT GIFT Professor Paul Sullivan has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day & Graduation festivities on May 22-23, 2020. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Sullivan 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 23. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Sullivan Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of ILC: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by **April 11** (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

CLC CONVENTION The 34th CLC Convention will be **June 25-28**, in Eau Claire, WI. A new video entitled "How Does Convention Work?" has been produced to explain the basics of Convention. If interested, please find this 14 minute video on the homepage of our synod's website clclutheran.org.

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!



The Office of the Keys and Confession

Because God's Word is based on absolute truth, which applies the same to all people; and because we are fallen sinners, there will be times when our witness of God's Word is uncomfortable to give and to receive. In our culture, we're used to hearing responses to God's Word such as, "Who are you to judge me?" or "I'm free to do what I want, you can't tell me what to do!" If you've been on the receiving end of such a response then you've probably contemplated if you have the right to speak or not.

The reality of being a believer in Christ is that we have the pressing duty of sharing parts of His Word that people do not want to hear. Perhaps the most ardent of opponents that come to mind in this regard are those who reject God's Word. But, even Christians should know what the sting of God's moral law feels like to a conscience burdened by sin — we wrestle with the same thing!

When you face situations where people are resistant to God's Word, it's easy to feel embarrassed, surprised, or ashamed. The knee-jerk reaction is to slink back into your confessional shell and keep your faith to yourself. The world's demand of, "What gives you the right?" echoes in your mind. You might think — maybe they're right.

It's critical for our witness of Jesus not to get caught off-guard in these moments. Rejection comes with the territory of being a Christian who is standing for Christ. Jesus Himself, who also was rejected by many, said this, "A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also (John 15:20)."

We don't have to be afraid or ashamed of rejection because we know how a sinner thinks and feels when confronted with God's truth. But even more importantly, we have authority from Jesus to speak on His behalf. Who gives you the right? Jesus does!

This what we call the Office of the Keys; it's the privilege that Jesus gives believers to speak the law (message of judgment and sin) and the gospel (message of salvation in Christ). You might think "That's nice and all, but I'd rather not," or "I'm just not qualified or skilled at witnessing." Sorry to say, God doesn't want your excuses. Giving up or ignoring this privilege is not an option. You see, this is what the Christian life is all about — proclaiming God's power,

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glory, and grace in Christ to the world. If you're a Christian, this is what you're supposed to be doing. It's part of why Jesus suffered and died in your place - to earn this right for you.

This doesn't mean that preaching or standing in front of a crowd is the only way to exercise the Office of the Keys. It's also important to remember the rest of the title — ...and Confession. This blessed work of the believer also takes place each time sinners are directed to confess before the Lord and receive forgiveness (often called Absolution). Regular confession and assurance of forgiveness in this way is the life of the Christian's faith. This practice is not based on our outstanding ability to achieve what God commands, but rather on the precious Gospel proclamation of full and free pardon of sins in Christ's name. Wherever this gift is being practiced by Christians, faith is begun and sustained.

Indeed, confession may be seen on Sunday at church. But, let it also be present in our homes, between husband and wife, among relatives and co-workers, and even on the playground. A healthy and functioning faith, no matter what your vocation is, will lead you to "proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)."

Imagine what the world would be like without Jesus. That's what's at stake when we shrink back from declaring and defending His Word today. You are blessed to have the right to speak for the eternal and almighty God of heaven and earth! Don't allow any mere human to make you doubt that. It is your right, duty, and blessed privilege in Jesus' name.

Read More About This Topic

Isaiah 6:1-8

Hebrews 10:19-25

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The Ten Commandments

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The Second Article

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The Office of the Keys and Confession



The **Committee of Domestic Fields** is a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board. "The purpose of the Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF) is to make outreach ideas and material available to CLC congregations and to encourage them in carrying out the Great Commission of our Savior, Jesus Christ."