



# *Immanuel Lutheran*

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## *The Season after Pentecost Third Sunday*

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*Behold, this is our God;  
We have waited for Him,  
and He will save us.*

Isaiah 25:9

## *Serving Us This Week*

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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.

# Order of Service

Hymn 43 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*  
We Sing the Almighty Power of God

## PRAYER

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

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**Pastor (P):** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C):** ♪ Amen!

**All:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C:** ♪ Amen.

**P:** ♪ The Lord be with you

**C:** ♪ And with your spirit.

**P:** ♪ Glory be to God on high

**C:** ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men.

**P:** ♪ We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

**C:** ♪ We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

**P:** ♪ O Lord God, heav'nly King,

**C:** ♪ God the Father Almighty.

**P:** ♪ O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

P: ♪ Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: ♪ You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Receive our prayer.**

P: ♪ You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: ♪ For You only are holy;

C: ♪ **You only are the Lord.**

P: ♪ You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: ♪ **Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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### RESPONSIVE READING REVELATION 3:14-22

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"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: **15** "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. **16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. **17** Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— **18** I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. **19** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. **21** To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. **22** "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

**Congregational Praise:** ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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### GOSPEL READING LUKE 14:25-35

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**Congregational Welcome:** ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, **26** "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother,

wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. **27** "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. **28** "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-- **29** "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, **30** "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish?' **31** "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** "Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. **33** "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. **34** "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? **35** "It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

**Congregational Response:** ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTOLIC CREED

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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 799 *WS (Tan Hymnal)*  
This is the Feast of Victory

## SERMON ISAIAH 25:6-9

*Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" Luke 11:28*

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And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. **7** And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil

that is spread over all nations. **8** He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. **9** And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

## God Has Prepared a Feast Behind the Scenes

1. Though It Is Hidden Now
2. It Will Soon Be Revealed

*Preaching today Pastor Joe Naumann  
bulletins and services online at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org)*

### OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 12

*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, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 598 (v. 1,5,6,10) TLH (Red Hymnal)  
Who knows when Death May Overtake Me

### 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*

**OPTION 1** *If attending a service in-person, leave your contribution in the offering plate in the narthex.*

**OPTION 2** *Mail your contribution to: 421 N 2nd St, Mankato, MN 56001*

**OPTION 3** *Use your bank's bill pay service.*

**OPTION 4** *Drop off your contribution in the mail slot at the school entrance on the south side of the building in the parking lot. Please do not use cash.*

**OPTION 5** *Download CashApp on your mobile device or visit [cash.app/login](http://cash.app/login). 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.*

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

## PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

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Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 87 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*  
Joy to the World, the Lord is Come

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**REOPENING** Please see the [Church Reopening page](#) on our website in order to see the full plan laid out by the Deacons of Immanuel for the cautious and careful reopening of our church for weekend services. Note: during this time, all other activities, services, and office hours at Immanuel Lutheran Church have been cancelled due to the stay safe orders issued by our government. Thank you!

**COMING BACK TO CHURCH** Your pastors and church leaders want to reassure you that in these times, when we are all finding our way of how to deal with the threat of COVID-19 in our own personal circumstances, we will go out of our way to not judge any one of you because you are or are not attending church in person. We will be glad to see you when you come; we will be glad that you watch the service at home when you do not. We will understand if you decide you are not comfortable yet and support you in that personal decision. How any one of us deals with these current times is not a reason for passing judgment on someone else. We each have our own unique situation. Our hearts long for the day when we can all come to worship again! Please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions that you may have.

# Last Week

## Gathering

Saturday 6/13: **40 in person**

Sunday 6/14: **52 in person; 199 views**

*Note: the number of views listed is as of 6/20/2020; "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 <i>Weekly Need</i> \$15,142.74	<b>\$7,114</b>	<b>\$475</b>
Benevolent	<b>\$240</b>	
ILS Preschool Fund	<b>\$25</b>	
ILS Student Aid	<b>\$465</b>	
ILS Tuition Aid	<b>\$150</b>	
Major Improvement	<b>\$20</b>	

### CLC

	Mail/Drop off	CashApp
Missions (CBP) <i>Weekly Need</i> \$1,414.68	<b>\$751</b>	<b>\$10</b>
ILC Building	<b>\$20</b>	
KINSHIP	<b>\$100</b>	

### In memory of Dr. Burdette Wheaton

	Mail/Drop off	CashApp
ILS Foundation	<b>\$50</b>	

# CLC Announcements

**CALL NEWS** Pastor Chad Seybt has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Paul Tiefel has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Professor John Ude has returned the call extended to him by St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD.

**KINSHIP DISASTER RELIEF** The COVID-19 epidemic has affected many of us in a variety of ways. We've also been learning of the suffering our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world have been facing in the current epidemic. Between COVID-19 Aid and cyclone relief, monetary aid has been sent overseas from KINSHIP. There remain additional needs among our various sister synods. The CLC Board of Missions is requesting that you consider offering your financial support to replenish the KINSHIP funds, so we can be ready to respond when the next need comes along. You may send your offerings to CLC KINSHIP, 501 Grover Rd., Eau Claire, WI, 54701, or through your local congregation. Please mark your donation "KINSHIP."

# This Week

- Sat Jun 20 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
- Sun Jun 21 9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM  
10:00a WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream  
Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org) OR find and watch the recording afterwards at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)  
11:00a Congregational/Voters' Meeting
- Mon Jun 22 Have a blessed week!
- Tues Jun 23 No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!  
7:00p Board of Education Meeting
- Wed Jun 24 11:00a Ladies' Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at Pizza Ranch  
12:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7  
7:00p Online Bible Class via [Zoom](#); Mtg ID: 776 933 7565; Pswd 204320
- Thu Jun 25 5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
- Fri Jun 26 No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!
- Sat Jun 27 10:00a Private Immanuel Graduation Ceremony  
6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
- Sun Jun 28 9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM  
10:00a WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream

## Immanuel Announcements

### CALL RESPONSE

Dear Congregation and Board of Education,

I would like to thank you for asking me to fill the call as a temporary full-time instructor at Immanuel Lutheran School this coming year. After much prayer I have happily accepted the call. Please continue to pray for me as I prepare for the up coming school year, instruct the students, and serve the Lord through this position.

Joyfully in Christ, Erika Hart

**LADIES AUXILIARY SPRING LUNCHEON** The annual luncheon will be Wednesday, **June 24**, at 11:00 am at Pizza Ranch, 1551 Tullamore Street, Mankato. Contactless Buffet served by their team. Guidelines are in place. Limited reservations. Senior citizen discount only. RSVP by Monday, June 22 to Donna Klammer at 507-625-3532.



**INVITATION: Open House** The children of Bob & Marilyn Timm invite you to help them celebrate their parent's 50th wedding anniversary at their home (105 Victoria Blvd, Mankato) from 1 - 4 PM on Saturday, **June 27**. Please, no gifts.

## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION –**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private graduation is scheduled for Saturday, **June 27**, at 10 am. The seniors will have open houses later in the day where those who are not invited to the graduation, due to restrictions, may pass on words of encouragement. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

## **OPEN HOUSE GRADUATION PARTY for HOLLY HARRIS**

Saturday, **June 27**, 5:00-8:00 pm, at 234 Allan Ave, North Mankato.

## **OPEN HOUSE GRADUATION PARTY for BEN STELTER**

Saturday, **June 27**, 2:00-4:30 pm, at 141 Hidden Oaks Circle, Mankato.

Inside and outside party, bring a lawn chair if you have one. Please stop in for a visit and take home some goodies. COVID restrictions/suggestions are in place and we will comply as much as we can.

*At this time, we would also like to THANK the congregation for your wonderful and gracious support of not only Ben, but of all the Stelter kids through grade school and high school. This celebration is also held in honor of your support. We appreciate all the prayers, activities, serving opportunities, financial support, and role modeling in the past 13 years, that have helped our kids grow into Christian young adults while attending ILS and Immanuel. Thank you so much from Craig and Paula Stelter*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Study Guild is looking for volunteers to help place altar flowers in upcoming weeks. If able and willing, please contact Kristen Friedrichs at [StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org) or at 507-382-5257 (text or call). We are looking for volunteers for the following weekends:

July 11/12 \_\_\_\_\_

July 18/19 \_\_\_\_\_

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE** The Immanuel Board of Education has reviewed the feedback provided by the congregation and has decided to plan for an in-person VBS for **July 27-31**. In order for this to take place certain state-wide restrictions will need to be loosened, so these plans are pending that eventuality. Please note that it is likely that masks will be required, social distancing will need to be practiced, and the VBS session will be shortened. We are in need of volunteers to begin organizing and planning for this. Please consider your health and the risks involved. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Pastor Naumann. The VBS Committee is also working on an online option for those who do not feel comfortable attending the in-person VBS.

## EXPANSION RELOCATION COMMITTEE (ERC) UPDATE

In the coming weeks, the Committee plans to present information on the following issues concerning our current campus needs at Immanuel church and school:

- Pre-school
- Parking
- Facility Congestion
- Maintenance/Operational Costs
- Single Level
- Green Space
- Storage
- Security
- Location, Location, Location

Stay tuned for more details on these issues from the Expansion Relocation Committee. Continued blessings in Christ to you all from the ERC!

**ECHO FOOD SHELF UPDATE** ECHO could use some specific items to restock their inventory. They could use paper towels, men's hygiene products (body wash, deodorant, shampoo, and shaving items) and women's body wash and deodorant. Donations can be dropped off at church or at ECHO Food Shelf (or at Paula Stelter's home if you stop over for the graduation party June 27.) As always, cash donations are used to purchase bulk items at lower prices than we can purchase food individually.

Anyone needing to make use of receiving food or items from ECHO is welcome. Kids can receive food as part of a summer program too. Call ECHO at 507-345-7508 to sign up for an account. Delivery is available for those who need it.

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If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to [Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org) or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

## **President's Message**

Judging by the first six months, 2020 will be the year that many people would just as soon forget. It has been a time of upheaval, uncertainty, and isolation. Comfortable routines have morphed into a “new normal.”

Yet through it all, one thing hasn't changed in the least—God's grace toward undeserving sinners. In the face of a worldwide pandemic, David's words still ring true: “*Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases*” (Psalm 103:2-3). Civil unrest reflects the natural hostility in every heart toward God and neighbor, but God's love in Christ has created new hearts within us and brought us together in the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. In spite of countless other cancellations, the message that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself has been proclaimed without interruption, albeit online rather than in person for a time.

It is incredibly reassuring to know that no matter what happens politically, socially, or materially, our triune God remains the same. The Father who loves us with an everlasting love, the Son who sacrificed His own holy life that we might live, and the Holy Spirit who began His good work within us and will certainly preserve His own in the one true faith until we rejoice with the entire Church in the glory to come.

Instead of being discouraged and feeling sorry for ourselves over the difficulties of the past months, we have reason for great thanksgiving. This spring two young men graduated from Immanuel seminary and a young woman graduated from the teaching program. As individual congregations have adopted new ways of carrying on their ministries, so our foreign missionaries have adapted to changed circumstances and continue to instruct and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ in numerous overseas nations.

I thank the Committee on Partners in the Public Ministry (CPPM) for their work in publicizing the growing need in our church body for pastors and teachers and for proposing ways by which we can encourage young men and women to prepare for this blessed work. I have asked the committee to continue their work until next summer's Convention.

There was concern among some that the suspension of in-person services during the pandemic would also lead to a shortfall in offerings for our joint work as the

CLC. That has not happened. Contrary to what human reason might assume, the Spirit has provided the means and opened hearts to give even more generously of material things for spiritual returns, not just in recent months but for a number of years. This has resulted in a growing financial reserve. We pray that the Lord will direct us in soon putting these funds to work in current and new programs for the spread of His kingdom in these last days before His return.

Among all the cancellations and postponements, one of the most difficult to make was the postponement of the 2020 CLC Convention until the summer of 2021. The biennial gathering of pastors, teachers, and delegates from across the country is a highlight in our CLC life. Planning and working together on the many areas of ministry the Lord has placed before us is an exciting task. Receiving Word and Sacrament together is uplifting and refreshing to the soul. Reconnecting with fellow believers from sister congregations and meeting new CLC members strengthen the “family bonds” which are so precious in these polarized times. Yet I believe Christian love shown in sensitivity toward the feelings and vulnerabilities of others, as well as logistical difficulties in holding a convention at this time, made postponement necessary. As a result of the postponement, those in elected positions whose terms expire this summer will have their terms extended one year.

We have much to be thankful for. I am grateful to the Lord for giving our congregations the flexibility and patience to work through the difficulties of these past months in order to carry out the proclamation of Christ crucified and risen. Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, our congregations have shown wisdom in assessing their own unique circumstances and exercised good judgment in determining how best to go forward in both respect toward God-appointed authorities and in giving to God the glory due Him. May the Lord in His grace bless our fellowship and joint work in the future as He has done so faithfully throughout the past 60 years of our history.

Pastor Michael Eichstadt / CLC President’s Report /CLC Coordinating Council June 2020

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