

### Immanuel Lutheran

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# The Season after Pentecost

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## For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

Romans 14:8

## 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 are interested in learning more about Immanuel.

## Order of Service We Praise our Lord

Opening Hymn 84 (v. 1,4-5) *CW* (see screen for lyrics)
Jesus Shall Reign

**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!

## Our Lord Speaks to Us

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** ISAIAH 58:6-12

#### Congregational Praise: 🕻 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As we reflect on the theme for the week, we have the understanding of caring for those who are in need. Here in Isaiah, the prophet speaks to the light of the One true God going out among the nations of the world. It is this light of the Gospel of the promised Messiah that would bring healing to the souls of those inside and outside of God's people. We are to look for those opportunities the LORD gives us to help all those who are in need, especially to help with their greatest need of all... a Savior for their sins!

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, 10 If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the

afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12 Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

#### **RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 35:1-10**

In this Psalm, David prays to the LORD for assistance. He needs help from the LORD because his enemies seem to be circling him. But ultimately, David knew where true power and true help comes from. The LORD is always there to help us in our times of trouble. Not only is He our defense, but He is also our weapons against the forces of darkness. No one can save us like the LORD!

- P: Plead my cause, O LORD, with those who strive with me;
- C: Fight against those who fight against me.
- P: Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.
- C: Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me.
- P: Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."
- C: And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.
- P: All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him,
- C: Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him..."

ALL: Amen!

#### **GOSPEL READING** MATTHEW 5:43-48

#### Congregational Welcome: Delory be to You, O Lord!

As Christians, we are called to do more than the world would expect. "Don't just love your friends, love even your enemies!" This law of God shows us that to keep it all, "You will be occupied with the practice of this work for the rest of your life." (Luther) And God calls us not just to try our best, but to be perfect. There is no escape from the reality that we have failed. Our only escape is that "while we were enemies of God, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son." (Romans 5:10)

"You have heard that it was said, `You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who

curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 "And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Congregational Response: > Praise be to You, O Christ!

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 439 (v. 1-4) *TLH (Red Hymnal)*O God of Mercy, God of Might

#### **SERMON** ROMANS 14:7-12 (ESV)

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

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. **8** For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether

we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **10** Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; **11** for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." **12** So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

#### "We are the Lord's"

- 1. Accountable to Him in our judgment of others
- 2. Purchased with His death and life
- 3. Persuaded by Him in selfless love for all

Preaching today Pastor Neal Radichel bulletins and services online at <a href="https://www.lmmanuelMankato.org">www.lmmanuelMankato.org</a>

## We Offer Ourselves to the Lord

**OFFERTORY** TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 22

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

> Sermon Hymn 453 *TLH (Red Hymnal)* We Are the Lord's

#### 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 <u>cash.app/login</u>. 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!

#### 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're plenty things my hands found to do, 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 439 (v. 5-6) TLH (Red Hymnal)
O God of Mercy, God of Might

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

## Our Lord Gives Himself to Us

Communion Hymn 755 (v. 1-3) WS (Tan Hymnal)
What is this Bread?

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS**

P: In keeping with the words of the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 10:16, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

As well as in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, which cautions us that: "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

Let us then, humbly, examine our hearts:

1. Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? Then declare it by saying, "I do confess."

C: I do confess.

- 2. Do you humbly seek the Lord's forgiveness, believing that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all of your sins? Then declare it by saying: "I do believe."
- C: I do believe.
- P: Be assured, your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus' sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. As the Word of God declares: "For God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21)

The Lord comfort your hearts. In Jesus, you are forgiven!

- 3. Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the wine in this blessed sacrament? Then declare it by saying: "By faith I do recognize, and believe."
- C: By faith I do recognize, and believe.
- 4. Finally, as a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the strength of God the Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles and leads you away from our Lord? Then declare it by saying: "I do so intend, with the help of Christ."
- C: I do so intend, with the help of Christ.
- P: Receive then this sacrament with joy, comfort, and peace!

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: May this peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen!

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A Holy Sacrament - Holy Communion is correctly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US!

Spiritual Unity - God's Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).

Close Communion - We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or at another CLC church to join us for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).

Visitors - If there are visitors present or watching online who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with one of the pastors about this at your convenience. We would love to have you join us!

Communion Hymn 755 (v. 4-5) WS (Tan Hymnal)
What is this Bread?

## Our Lord Blesses Us

**BENEDICTION** A Good Word or Blessing.

Congregational Response: Amen. Amen. Amen.

### Closing Hymn 577 TLH (Red Hymnal) God Bless Our Native Land

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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.

**REOPENING** Please see the <u>Church Reopening webpage</u> for 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, most 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!

## Last Week

#### Gatherings

Saturday 6/20: 31 in person; Sunday 6/21: 59 in person; 193 views

Immanuel HS Graduation 146 views

Wednesday Bible class: 27

Saturday 6/27: **19 in person;** Sunday 6/28: **61 in person; 199 views**Note: the number of views listed is as of 7/3/2020; "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 \$15,514.83	\$5,408	\$1,583
	ILS Foundation	\$30	
	ILS Preschool Fund	\$85	
_	Land Purchase Fund	\$75	
	Major Improvement	\$360	
CLC		Mail/Drop off	CashApp
	Missions (CBP) Weekly Need \$1,462.27	\$786	\$20
_	KINSHIP	\$110	·

## This Week

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Sat July 4	6:00p	WORSHIP with the Lord's Supper, In-Person CANCELLED	
Sun July 5	9:15a 10:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM WORSHIP, with the Lord's Supper, In-Person or Live Stream Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website <a href="www.lmmanuelMankato.org">www.lmmanuelMankato.org</a> OR find and watch the recording afterwards at <a href="www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/">www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/</a>	
Mon July 6	Have a blessed week!		
Tues July 7	No Past 5:30p 7:00p	ors' Office Hours - <i>Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!</i> Expansion Relocation Committee Meeting Outreach Committee Meeting	
Wed July 8	12:45p 4p-7p 7:00p	Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i> Janet Barry Visitation, <i>Mankato Mortuary</i> Online Bible Class via <u>Zoom</u> ; <i>Mtg ID: 776 933 7565; Pswd 204320</i>	
Thu July 9	1:00p 5:45p	<b>WORSHIP,</b> Janet Barry Victory Service, In-Person or Live Stream Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7	
Fri July 10	No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!		
Sat July 11	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person	
Sun July 12	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM	

## **Immanuel Announcements**

10:00a WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream

**THANK YOU** Janet Barry's family wanted to make sure that you all know how much they have appreciated all the visits, calls, cards, messages, food, and encouragement they received from the congregation. They are very thankful for all of you and for the Lord's support of them through you during Janet's last months on earth, and through the years of her cancer. Praise God for the support of brothers and sisters in Christ!

## SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL/VOTERS MEETING On Sunday June 21, there was continued discussion on plans for more sanctuary updates. A motion was carried to begin painting the interior sanctuary walls and to attempt to clean the wall behind the cross. The quarterly voters meeting on July 20 at 7 pm will decide on more sanctuary updates planned from the Board of

attempt to clean the wall behind the cross. The quarterly voters meeting on  $J\iota$  20 at 7 pm will decide on more sanctuary updates planned from the Board of Property. All voters and members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Study Guild is looking for volunteers to help place altar flowers. If willing, please contact Kristen at 507-382-5257 (text or call) or at <a href="mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org">StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org</a>. The following weekends are available:

July 25/26, August 1/2, August 8/9

## CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS ILC Professor Steve Sippert has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Morning Star, Fairchild; Peace with God, Onalaska; and Trinity, Millston, WI, has been called by St. Luke's, Lemmon. SD.

**ILHS GRADUATION** Due to COVID-19, Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, has rescheduled its graduation for Saturday, **August 1**, 10:30 am. While in the past this has been a public worship service open to anyone, attendance this year will be "by invitation only" due to local gathering limitations. This will be viewable as live stream or archived at <u>ilc.edu</u>. The college and seminary had their graduation service on May 30. May the LORD continue to keep our graduates in His care as they look to His Word with all their future endeavors.

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."

**AVAILABLE NOW** Deborah Ude's (Immanuel member Kathleen Olmanson's sister) second book, "Came By Train," is now available. She shares her profession of Christ painting the daily life of Christian faith. It is published this on Amazon Kindle Direct. (The digital version of "Came By Train" is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99)

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!

## e-Devotions

#### REDEEMER COMPILATION

http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries/

This email subscription will provide you with free short devotions in your inbox daily. These devotions are written by a staff of CLC pastors and compiled by David Schaller.

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE (ILC) CHAPELS

Audio recordings of ILC Chapels are regularly uploaded to the ILC website at <a href="http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/">http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/</a>. These 10-minute sermons are an excellent source for morning devotions.

At the website listed above, you may subscribe to receive an email alert whenever these devotions are posted to the website.

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For Google Home, simply say "Hey Google, play the most recent episode of Morning Chapels from ILC.

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