



# *Immanuel Lutheran*

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## *The Season after Pentecost*

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For God has not given us a  
spirit of fear, but of power and  
of love and of a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7

### *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 Prepare to Meet our Lord

Hymn 5 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

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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!

### OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

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P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end

that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our 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.

## *We Praise our Lord*

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 56:1-4

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- P: Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up;  
C: Fighting all day he oppresses me.
- P: My enemies would hound *me* all day,  
C: For *there are* many who fight against me, O Most High.
- P: Whenever I am afraid,  
C: I will trust in You.
- P: In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust;  
C: I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?
- P: Glory be to God!  
♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.
- Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity,  
for planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free,  
on whom our trust is founded, our house built on a rock,  
our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock,  
dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again,  
join saints and angels singing, "Amen, Amen, Amen!" *tune: LSB 820*
- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: ♪ And with your spirit.
- P: Let us pray...  
C: ♪ Amen.

# Our Lord Speaks to Us

## OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 CHRONICLES 29:10-13

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Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor *come* from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand *is* power and might; In Your hand *it is* to make great And to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> "Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## GOSPEL READING LUKE 12:32-48

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

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; <sup>36</sup> "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup> "Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup> "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." <sup>41</sup> Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?" <sup>42</sup> And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? <sup>43</sup> "Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>44</sup> "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. <sup>45</sup> "But if that servant says

in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, <sup>46</sup> "the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. <sup>47</sup> "And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. <sup>48</sup> "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

**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 of the Day 290 TLH (Red Hymnal)

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

### SERMON 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-14

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

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I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, <sup>4</sup> greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, <sup>5</sup> when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. <sup>6</sup> Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound

mind. <sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, <sup>10</sup> but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. <sup>13</sup> Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

## Encouragement to a Faithful Ministry

1. Remember Those Who Brought You the Word
2. Testify Boldly
3. Hold Fast to What You Were Given

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

## *We Offer Ourselves to the Lord*

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.*

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- ♪ 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 293 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

## 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*

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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](https://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!*

## PRAYERS

# *Our Lord Blesses Us*

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

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Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Closing Hymn 264: 1,5,6 TLH (Red Hymnal) Preserve Thy Word, O Savior

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**REOPENING** Please see the [Church Reopening webpage](#) 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!

**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

### Gatherings

Saturday Worship 8/1: **49 in person;**

Sunday Worship 8/2: **70 in person; 171 views**

Wednesday Bible class 8/5: **25**

*Note: the number of views listed is as of 8/8/2020; "views" does not represent the number of viewers, but rather only the number of computers/devices that accessed it*

### Fruits of Faith

Immanuel	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Current Expenses		
<i>Weekly Need as of July 20 \$17,700.13</i>	<b>\$20,043</b>	<b>\$565</b>
Benevolent	<b>\$40</b>	
ILS Foundation	<b>\$30</b>	
ILS Interactive Display Fund	<b>\$10</b>	
ILS Preschool Fund	<b>\$75</b>	
ILS Student Aid		<b>\$50</b>
Major Improvement	<b>\$250</b>	
<b>CLC</b>	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CBP)		
<i>Weekly Need as of July 20 \$1,705.67</i>	<b>\$725</b>	<b>\$5</b>
ILC Building	<b>\$100</b>	
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	<b>\$240</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>In memory of Janet Barry</b>	Plate/Mail	CashApp
ILS Foundation	<b>\$100</b>	



# This Week

- Sat Aug 8 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
- Sun Aug 9 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/)
- Mon Aug 10 Have a blessed week!
- Tues Aug 11 No Pastors' Office Hours - *Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!*  
6:30-9pm Board and Council Meetings
- Wed Aug 12 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 Aug 13 9:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*  
5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
- Fri Aug 14 No Pastors' Office Hours - *Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!*  
9:00a Outdoor Bible Study, *Primrose (gazebo), 1360 Adams St*
- Sat Aug 15 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
- Sun Aug 16 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*  
10:00a WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream

## Immanuel Announcements

**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 [StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org). The following weekends are available:

August 15/16 \_\_\_\_\_  
August 22/23 \_\_\_\_\_  
August 29/30 \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL OPENING DELAYED ONE WEEK** Due to events beyond our control, the Board of Education has decided to delay the start of school by one week to help us get the facility ready for adaptations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first day of school will now be Mon, **August 31**. This lost week of school will be made up during the week in October that we would normally have CLC Teachers Conference since that was cancelled for this year. If you have any questions, please speak with or email Principal Heinze. [Brandan.Heinze@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Brandan.Heinze@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**ERC: Should Immanuel Stay or Relocate?** The Expansion Relocation Committee (ERC) is re-investigating why certain areas of our current Immanuel campus are problematic. We hope to try to expand on these areas

for the congregation in the coming months. Over the years, some of the major concerns the congregation has about our current campus are related to **parking congestion**:

- **Closer off street parking** - because of the apartment buildings nearby, there is limited street parking especially on weekends.
- **Traffic flow** - as the business of 2nd street continues to rise, so do our concerns about traffic safety with our exit (Mankato Downtown Plan).
- **Pedestrian safety** - also, as 2nd street gains more traffic so do the concerns for the children on the playground or high school age who walk offsite.
- **Snow plowing** - there are challenges most years of where to pile snow accumulation, which also impacts our parking lot.
- **Allow for more vehicles** - there's not enough stalls in our current lot for all of our members (we have 35 stalls on site).
- **Dedicated off street staff parking** - during the school year, the parking lot is needed for recess for the children.
- **Handicap parking** - we are limited on the handicap and elderly parking accessibility around the building.

#### Questions to consider:

- Are there ways to resolve these concerns with our current property?
- Do you think these areas alone justify moving to a different location?

**Questions?** Please ask one of our **ERC** members: Dave Busse (chair), Mick Rykhus, Russ Schmidt, Jared Mueller, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

**VBS ONLINE** Vacation Bible School had a very successful week as we moved completely online this year. However, if you missed it, you can still pick up the handouts for your children at church. All materials and videos are available for access on our website: [immanuelmankato.org](http://immanuelmankato.org). This VBS answers some very important questions about what God has to say about sickness. Please share this VBS with everyone you can think of! Thank you!

## *CLC Announcements*

**CLC CALLS** Pastor Emeritus Robert List has asked to be relieved of his vacancy work at Trinity, Spokane, WA. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, is now serving the vacancy. <> Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St, Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, Ca has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

**ILC'S OPENING SERVICE** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary is opening its academic year with in-person learning. Much planning is in the works as we learn to live in the midst of the current pandemic. The opening service will be on Sunday, **August 23**, at 3 pm. This will also include the installation of ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck and Professor Mark Weis. Some precautions will be necessary for this service given mitigation and local guidelines, e.g., physical distancing, collecting contact information, gathering size, etc. For those who are not students, parents, or staff, we encourage you to virtually attend the service through livestream to help ensure that our gathering size is manageable and compliant with local guidelines. For details about livestreaming and the opening weekend schedule, see [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu). Please keep the staff and the students in your prayers during these challenging times. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!

## **ILC BUILDING FUND PAID OFF--AND THEN SOME**

A substantial gift was recently given to the CLC, designated for the ILC Building Fund. This special gift completely paid off the entire Academic Center Fund balance and provided approximately one million dollars for a future building project. CLC President Mike Eichstadt has appointed a Planning Committee to move this forward. Since every building project has to be approved by a convention, the Committee's mandate is to present a plan and cost estimate to the 2021 convention. The Committee is using the 2006 ILC Long-Range Planning Committee's 134 page report as its starting point.

In recent years some have wondered what the next ILC building project will be. An updated and expanded gym? A dedicated Chapel? The 2006 Planning Committee did some work in that area. Since the current gym's footprint could not accommodate the space requirements of the new gym, the 2006 Planning Committee recommendation was to build a new gym to the south of the Commons (in the area between the Commons, slab, and amphitheater) and to completely renovate the existing fieldhouse to house functions like morning chapel, mass choir and band practices, plays, musicals, CLC GPC and conventions, storage, etc. Look for more details to be announced in the future. Whatever the current Planning Committee may recommend to the 2021 Convention, we recognize this as just one more example of how, "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" (Proverbs 16:9 ESV). Thank the LORD for his bounty, and for the fruits of faith in our CLC members!

**ILC MAINTENANCE POSITION** A full-time position has opened in the maintenance department of ILC following the faithful service of John Fox. In service to the LORD and for the welfare of our students, the responsibilities include: 1) the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and roads on the campus (e.g., mowing, tree trimming, plowing, road repair, etc.); 2) the repair, maintenance, and improvements of the buildings on the campus (e.g., equipment maintenance, plumbing, electrical, furnace and boiler care, building

improvements, furniture repair, etc.); and 3) being available for certain scheduled 'on call' evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Those who are interested may contact Prof. Dan Schierenbeck ([dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu](mailto:dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu) or at 660.864.9231) who can provide more details along with compensation. Applications will start being reviewed on **August 15, 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 this li: [www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020). Visit our website, [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org), for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

**TRIP TO ISRAEL** A group trip to Israel, which has been planned for January 2021, is still scheduled and is now less than six months away. The dates are set for **January 13-22, 2021**, with a possible 3-day extension to Jordan. We currently have 17 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip, and over a dozen more have expressed an interest. The tour company is expecting that our tour will be possible, but they do have options available for us if it is cancelled due to the situation at that time. You are invited to 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, 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 (404-729-4602 or [nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com](mailto:nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com)). .

**AVAILABLE NOW** Take a refreshing walk, basking in the Sunshine. Deborah Ude's third book, "*Sunshine in Shadows*," is now available. This book paints the dark miasma of this life's valley of tears but shows the Light from above is shining. By faith we too must continually struggle, yet we do not walk in shadows but in the light of Christ's empty tomb. Though part of a series, this book stands on its own. It is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/SunshineinShadows>. (The digital version is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99.) All three of Debi's books are also available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude, [john.ude@ilc.edu](mailto:john.ude@ilc.edu)

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!