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The Season after Pentecost

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Remembering without ceasing
your work of faith, labor of
love, and patience of hope in
our Lord Jesus Christ...

1 Thessalonians 1:3a

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 686 LSB (see screen for lyrics)
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Pastor (P): "Blessed is she who believed,

Congregation (C): For there will be fulfillment of these things which were told her from the Lord.

P: My soul magnifies the Lord,

C: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior." (Luke 1: 45-46)

P: We begin our worship service this morning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

P: "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: And in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5)

P: "For our transgressions are multiplied before you,

C: And our sins testify against us;

P: For our transgressions are with us,

C: And we know our iniquities:" (Isa. 59:12)

P: "We have all become like one who is unclean,

C: And all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

P: We all fade like a leaf,

C: And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." (Isa. 64:6)

P: "Wretched man that I am!

C: Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Rom. 7:24)

P: "The soul who sins...

C: Shall die." (Ezek. 18:20)

P: "For the wages of sin is death...

C: But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23)

P: "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: Though your sins are like scarlet,

C: They shall be as white as snow;

P: Though they are red like crimson,

C: They shall become like wool." (Isa. 1:18)

P: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions."

P: "For when I kept silent,

C: My bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C: My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you,

C: And I did not cover my iniquity;

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C: "And you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Psalm 32:4-5)

P: "But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

C: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

P: I have called you by name,

C: You are mine." (Isa. 43:1)

P: "But thanks be to God,

C: Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Cor 15:57)

Our Lord Speaks to Us

OLD TESTAMENT READING PROVERBS 8:22-36

"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. 23 I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning,

before there was ever an earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; 26 While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primeval dust of the world. 27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, 29 When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, 31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men. 32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. 35 For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD; 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death."

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING JOHN 15:11-27

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

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another. 18 If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, '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. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and

spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. 25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' 26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH BASED ON 2 PETER 3

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare... But in keeping with Jesus' promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. Bearing in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote with the wisdom that God gave him... *that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*"

Hymn of the Day 784 WS (Tan Hymnal)

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

SERMON 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-10

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

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, **3** remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, **4** knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. **5** For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. **6** And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, **7** so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who

believe. **8** For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. **9** For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Your True Labor of Love

1. From Christ
2. For Christ

*Preaching today Pastor Neal Radichel
bulletins and services online at 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.

♪ 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 778 *WS (Tan Hymnal)*
Grace Has Thrilling Sound

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. 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 REJOICE ALWAYS (Neal Radichel)

*The Lord will come like a thief in the night.
But you are sons of the light -not of the night.
Then let us not be like others, who sleep.
For He died for us so we will not weep.
Rejoice always,
Pray without ceasing;
Give thanks always,
For this is the will of God
Comfort and build each other up.
No matter how full or empty your cup.
And let patience fill you in all you do through and through
Pursue what is good as He did for you.
He who calls you is faithful in every way,
and may His Grace be with you until that Final Day*

Hymn 788 (v. 3) *WS (Tan Hymnal)*
Lord, You Love a Cheerful Giver

PRAYERS – LORD’S PRAYER

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 785 *WS (Tan Hymnal)*
Children of the Heavenly Father

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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, and 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 8/8: **23 in person;**

Sunday Worship 8/9: **66 in person; 187 views**

Wednesday Bible class 8/12: **23**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 8/15/2020; "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</i> \$18,585.13 | \$5,956 | \$600 |
| Benevolent | \$60 | |
| Bleacher Fund | \$3 | |
| ILS Interactive Display Fund | \$30 | |
| ILS Student Aid | \$465 | |
| Major Improvement | \$501 | |
| CLC | Plate/Mail | CashApp |
| Missions (CBP) | | |
| <i>Weekly Need as of July 20</i> \$1,790.95 | \$427 | |
| KINSHIP | | \$100 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | | \$100 |

This Week

- 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
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 Aug 17 Have a blessed week!
- Tues Aug 18 No Pastors' Office Hours - *Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!*
7:00p Board of Education Meeting @ Lien Residence
- Wed Aug 19 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 20 10:00a Outdoor WORSHIP, *Water's Edge, 800 Agency Rd*
5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
6p - 8p Immanuel Lutheran School Open House
- Fri Aug 21 No Pastors' Office Hours - *Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!*
9:00a Outdoor WORSHIP, *Autumn Grace, 118 Raven Ct*
- Sat Aug 22 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
- Sun Aug 23 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream

Immanuel Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for gym cleaning In preparation for school and open house on Thursday, our gym floor needs to be disinfected following the sewage backup. On Sunday, starting at 1 pm, we are looking for volunteers to help with this task. Hope to see you there.

SCHOOL JANITOR NEEDED The Property Board is looking to hire a janitor for the school immediately. Interested applicants are asked to leave a resume in the Property Board mailbox in the church office. For more information, please connect with Kyle Hulke at 507-382-7335.

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

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. The following weekends are available:

August 29/30 _____

Sept 5-6 _____

Sept 12-13 _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES As we begin to reopen and return to church, now is a good time for us to reevaluate the many different volunteer positions that are necessary for the weekly operation of our church. With that in mind, the Board of Deacons is encouraging all of our members to consider their God-given talents and consider volunteering for the following positions.

- 1. Slideshow Director** This is an easy way to contribute to the service by clicking through the slides during the service. You are able to do so from any place in the Sanctuary.
- 2. Video Camera Conductor** Any experience with a camera qualifies you to keep the pastor centered in the video camera. Because of the new LiveStream format, this job has become simpler.
- 3. LiveStream Operator** This position is a little more technical and involves switching between different scenes in order to cast the slideshow onto the YouTube livestream. Training will be available to anyone who is interested.
- 4. Sound Booth Monitor** Although the soundboard looks intimidating, a quick introduction is all you need to manage the sound in the worship service.

If any of these positions seem interesting to you, please reach out to either of the Pastors or the Board of Deacons.

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**:

- o **Closer off street parking** - because of the apartment buildings nearby, there is limited street parking especially on weekends.
- o **Traffic flow** - as the business of 2nd street continues to rise, so do our concerns about traffic safety with our exit (Mankato Downtown Plan).
- o **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.
- o **Snow plowing** - there are challenges most years of where to pile snow accumulation, which also impacts our parking lot.
- o **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?

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

SUMMARY of QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING July 27, 2020

In membership matters, Carol Jackson was released per her request. John Mickelson was accepted into communicant membership. Ross and Jackie Libby were accepted into communicant membership with baptized children Chauncey, Fin and Grayson.

The Treasurer's report showed our general fund down \$64,322 since the beginning of the year. We had budgeted to be \$35,000 behind. Our plate giving was \$294,493 against our budget of \$334,235. Our expenses were \$429,197 versus a budget goal of \$448,027. We met our CLC Cooperative Budget goal for 2019-2020 with \$56,868.43.

The Board of Property reported that the MPF, lower level of school and church basement had flooded from a sewer backup during the mega rain event. The Board has two bids for tuck pointing the church wall above the school building. The bricks in the bricked up window need to be taken out and relaid, the ties have become disconnected. The bids are \$16,500 and \$15,000, the board recommends the \$15,000 bid. It was decided to proceed with the brick repair on the church above the school using the Major Improvement Fund. And using the Board of Property's preferred bid (\$15,000) and volunteer labor were possible.

The Board of Education reported that they plan to have students in the school this fall. Temporary classrooms will likely be created in the basement. School will be starting at 8:20 due to busing changes. The 2020 CLC Teacher conference has been canceled. Part-time teaching calls were reduced by 1.15 hours/week (3 hours/week from Spanish, and adding 2.85 for music). The school will need 3 teachers aides from 8:00am to 3:00pm for the COVID-19 reopening plan. (\$7,923 for additional aide time). The current 53 aide hours/week would cover part of this need. For the duration of the COVID-19 reopening plan, which calls for greater social distance between students, the school will increase teachers aide time by 40 hours/week or 8 hours/school day to implement our response. (The net change to the budget is \$960).

The meeting was recessed to the call of the chairman.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Mrs. Marie Muehlenhaupt accepted the one year call as upper grade teacher and co-principal at Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St Stephen, Mountain View, and St. Stephen, Hayward, CA, was called to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA, was called to Redeemer, Bowdle, and Zion, Ipswich, SD, <> Pastor Del Maas, Gift of God, Mapleton, ND, has accepted the non-resident call to St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN. He will be serving both congregations full time, while living in Mapleton.

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. 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!

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. Visit our website, www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

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!