



Immanuel Lutheran

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The Season after Pentecost

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Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

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

Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

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 CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With

boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 45:1-3; 6-7

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

EPISTLE READING JAMES 3:1-12

" My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. **2** For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. **3** Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. **4** Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. **5** Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! **6** And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. **7** For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. **8** But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. **10** Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? **12** Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 12:31-42

"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come. **33** "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit

bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. **34** "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. **35** "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. **36** "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. **37** "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." **38** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." **39** But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. **40** "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **41** "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. **42** "The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here."

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 THE APOSTOLIC CREED

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 27 TLH
Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

SERMON ISAIAH 29:18-19

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

"In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. **19** The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel."

The Weight of God's Word

1. It demands a saint
2. It declares a Savior.
3. It delivers a sinner

*Preaching today Vicar Drew Naumann
bulletins and services online at www.ImmanuelMankato.org*

Hymn 284 TLH
Father of Mercies, in Thy Word

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!

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen!

**Closing Hymn 583 LSB
God has Spoken by His Prophets**

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 8/22: **28**

Sunday Worship 8/23: **In Person 59; Views 176**

Wednesday Bible class 8/26: **17**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 8/28/2020; "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	\$11,154.00	
MPF Floor	\$50	
Preschool Fund	\$80	
ILS Foundation	\$15	
Major Improvement	\$138	
Mission Helper (Mankato member)	\$1,435.95	
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CBP)	\$698	
In memory of Evelyn Hoffman	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Undesignated	\$45	
Bleacher Fund	\$20	
In memory of Carol Harmon	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Undesignated	\$20	
In memory of Robert Heinze	Plate/Mail	CashApp
General Fund	\$25	

This Week

- Sat Aug 29 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
- Sun Aug 30 Food Shelf Sunday: *donations accepted in the church office entry or offering plate*
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 31 ILS First Day of School! Blessings on the year, students!
8:45a ILS Opening Service, Live Stream
- Tues Sep 1 No Pastors' Office Hours - *Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!*
5:30p ERC Meeting Pastors' Offices
7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p Voters Meeting Via Zoom; Mtg ID 882 5662 7081; Pswd 3WpKhc
- Wed Sep 2 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 Sept 3 9:00a Bible Study, Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St
10:00a Outdoor WORSHIP, Water's Edge, 800 Agency Rd
5:00p Jail Ministry Meeting
5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
- Fri Sep 4 No Pastors' Office Hours - *Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!*
9:00a Outdoor Bible Class, Primrose 1360 Adams St
- Sat Sep 5 6:00p WORSHIP with the Lord's Supper, In-Person
- Sun Sep 6 9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
10:00a WORSHIP with the Lord's Supper, In-Person or Live Stream

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA, was called to Redeemer, Bowdle, and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Chad Sebyt, Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY, has been called by Morningstar, Fairchild; Trinity, Millston; and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St, Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, CA, has returned the call to by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO, has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

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!

Immanuel Announcements

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Our new janitor is starting on September 8, so we are looking for volunteers to clean and sanitize the school every day until then. Please consider helping in this important work so we can open our school and teach our children about their Savior. If you are willing and able, please contact [Pastor Naumann](#) or [Principal Heinze](#).

VOTERS MEETING Called for **September 1**, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom for membership matters, gym floor/bleacher options, and aide for kindergarten. Meeting ID: 882 5662 7081; Passcode: 3WpKhc Zoom access will be provided at Immanuel for those who need it.

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.

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:

Sept 12-13 _____ Sept 19-20 _____

HOSPITALIZED? During this time of caution, the pastors have not been allowed to visit members in the hospital unless it is an end of life situation. This makes it especially difficult to find out when members are in the hospital, unless we are informed by others. Please help us by keeping the lines of communication open and letting us know if you are aware of anyone in the hospital who needs a phone call or more pressing spiritual needs in the very least, because we simply would like to pray for you!! Thank you for your help as we continue the good work of the ministry of Jesus Christ!