



# *Immanuel Lutheran*

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## *The Season after Pentecost*

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Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be  
healed; Save me, and I shall be  
saved, for you are my praise.

Jeremiah 17:14

### *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 436 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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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!

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### 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 103:1-5

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P: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: And forget not all His benefits:

P: Who forgives all your iniquities,

C: Who heals all your diseases,

P: Who redeems your life from destruction,

C: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

P: Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

C: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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!" *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 JEREMIAH 17:13-14

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O Lord, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed.  
"Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because  
they have forsaken the Lord, The fountain of living waters." **14** Heal  
me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved,  
For You are my praise.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### GOSPEL READING JOHN 5:1-15

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

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
**2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in  
Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. **3** In these lay a great multitude of  
sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. **4**  
For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the  
water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was  
made well of whatever disease he had. **5** Now a certain man was there  
who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there,  
and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said  
to him, "Do you want to be made well?" **7** The sick man answered Him,  
"Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up;  
but while I am coming, another steps down before me." **8** Jesus said to  
him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." **9** And immediately the man was  
made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

**10** The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." **11** He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " **12** Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" **13** But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. **14** Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." **15** The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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

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## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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Kevin Rykhus

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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 277 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

### SERMON ACTS 3:1-10

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

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Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. **2** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; **3**

who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." **7** And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God. **10** Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## God Wants You to Expect More

1. More than you deserve
2. More than you ask
3. More than you can imagine

*Preaching today Vicar Drew Naumann  
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 779 LSB  
Come My Soul With Every Care

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*

PRAYERS

*Our Lord Blesses Us*

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 761 WS (Tan Hymnal)  
In You is Gladness

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*Last Week*

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 9/5: 16

Sunday Worship 9/6: **In Person 91 ; Views 182**

Wednesday Bible class 9/9: 21

*Note: the number of views listed is as of 9/11/2020; "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	\$10,959	\$1,135
MPF Floor Replacement	\$50	
Preschool Fund	\$30	
ILS Foundation	\$15	

Major Improvement	\$150	
Aluminum Cans for Gym Floor	\$14	
ILS Tuition Aid	\$175	
Interactive Display Fund	\$10	
Benevolent Fund	\$40	
Land Purchase Fund	\$40	
MPF Bleacher Fund	\$11,600	
Bequest to be Designated	\$1,000	
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (MDF)	\$200	\$100
Kinship		\$100
Missions (CB)	\$1,100	
ILC Building	\$200	
ILC Student Aid	\$100	

## *This Week*

- Sat Sept 12 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person  
7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
- Sun Sept 13 9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary  
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 Sept 14 4:15p Grade School Soccer Game- Caswell Soccer Complex
- Tues Sept 15 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
- Wed Sept 16 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*  
5:00p Confirmation Class- *In the MPF*  
7:00p Online Bible Class - *look for weekly log-in info in email*
- Thu Sept 17 8-10a Pastors' Office Hours  
9:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*  
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
- Fri Sept 18 9:00a Outdoor Bible Class, *Primrose 1360 Adams St*  
11a Autumn Grace Bible Class *118 Raven Ct*
- Sat Sept 19 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person  
7-7:45p Family Bible Class - Sanctuary

Sun Sept 20 9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary

9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*

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

11:00a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion – pastors offices

# *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:

Sept 19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

**VICAR DREW NAUMANN** is finishing off his last week with us here at Immanuel. His last Sunday will be September 20th. For the last four months he has worked among us gaining a great deal of hands on experience with the worship services, Bible studies, VBS, camp, school prep, flood relief, teaching a variety of classes and devotions, painting, counseling, visits that were possible, and more. We are thankful for his service to our Lord Jesus and to us this past summer! He returns to Eau Claire for his last year of Seminary and eagerly waits for a call to a CLC congregation in the spring, Lord willing. Please keep him in your prayers as we thank the Lord for the opportunity to grow with him this year. Here is his contact info if you'd like to personally thank, encourage, or offer him support with a card or message:

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**RECESSED QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING** Called for **September 21st** in the church basement and on zoom. Agenda items include: Membership matters (deacons), gym floor recommendation (Council/Property), gym floor funding (Lentz/J Hanel), and custodian hours increase (Property).

**ERC: Should Immanuel Relocate or possibly have two campuses?** The Expansion Relocation Committee is re-investigating why certain areas of our current Immanuel campus are problematic and prohibitive. 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 have been:

## • Single Level

- **Accessibility** - individuals who are handicap or have limited mobility struggle with the location of our elevator and access to our sanctuary and other church and school events.
- **Cleaning** - transportation of supplies and storage locations aren't easily accessible.
- **Elevators** - can be costly to maintain and our current elevator's location and size at times isn't ideal.
- **Codes** - whether it be sprinkler systems, emergency exits, or security, a large portion of our property is currently noncompliant to today's codes and standards.
- **Stairs** - the trips and slips on our internal or external stairs continues to be a safety concern for all ages. Video proof is available upon request.
- **Basements** - leak and flood. The gym has flooded three times since 1991, and the church basement has flooded more often. The AC and heating temperatures are difficult to maintain. Proper lighting is difficult, and the asbestos makes it even more challenging to update.
- **Pre-school** - at this location has been hindered because it is not single level.

### Questions to consider:

Are there ways to resolve these concerns with our current property?

Do you think these areas alone justify moving to or looking for a different or supplement location?

**More questions?** Would you like to meet and discuss more with one or two of us? Please ask one of our **ERC** members: Dave Busse (chair), Mick Rykhus, Russ Schmitt, Jared Miller, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

## *CLC Announcements*

**CLC CALLS** Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Emeritis John Schierenbeck has accepted the vacancy call to Morningstar, Fairchild; Trinity, Millston; and Peace with God, Onalaska, Wi. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO, has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN<> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN

**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)).

## CLC Financial Report - August

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2020
<b>General Fund</b>	0	139,847	172,053	182,900	- 32,206
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	269,727	186,932	229,690	82,795
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	819	44,073		158,194
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	1,994,158	1,053,871		954,829
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	59,832	39,823		104,063
Kinship	86,093	49,107	18,356		116,844
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,314,726	26,274		3,202,823
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	17,407	21,173		80,514
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,678,880</b>	<b>\$3,436,049</b>	<b>\$1,203,570</b>		<b>\$4,911,359</b>

<b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center & North Hall)	<b>Paid in Full !!</b>
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
(Final payment: <b>\$1,053,871</b> ) Balance August 31, 2020	<b>Hallelujah! \$0</b>
Total Loan Principal Paid in Full!	<b>\$1,460,931</b>

**General Fund** – August offerings of \$65,317 vs disbursements of \$73,395 increased the negative balance by \$8,077. Again, not unusual for summer & given the pandemic issues. And still the Lord has blessed us with more than our daily bread! **The Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications receive their major funding from our CLC General Fund offerings.**

**ILC Operations**– ILC August revenue of \$148,098 vs disbursements of \$106,356 more than covered July's \$9,700 deficit, due largely to the initial payments on the new school year student accounts.

**ILC Building Projects** – The entire CLC indebtedness on the Academic Center (original loan of \$1,751,000 in 2010 & the North Hall dorm upgrades of \$253,000 in 2017) has been paid in full! Regular congregational Building Fund offerings, special individual offerings --\$300,000 in the last 2 or 3 years-- and recently a bequest of nearly \$2M has resulted in the final payment of the principal balance of \$1,053,871. *"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."* (1Chron 29:14) We are His people because He has paid our debt in full, and not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood! That is why His people are able to offer so willingly after this sort from what He has given!

**CEF** – August revenue was \$1,281,245 (\$1,053,871 from the AC/North Hall payoff and \$231,485 from a congregation's payoff of its CEF loan) vs disbursements of \$7,265 in debt service, resulting in the current CEF positive position of \$3.2M.

**MDF** – August offerings of \$47,121 (gifts of \$10,000 & \$16,000) vs disbursements of \$22,523 (\$10,000 construction loan installment of Nepal Bible Institute, \$8,600 Mission Helper expenses, and \$2,500 for bicycles/motorcycles.

**Kinship** – August gifts: \$30,715. Public Ministry Prep gift: \$15,000. Praise be to our gracious God!

*James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer*

*Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

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!