

Immanuel Lutheran

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The Season after Pentecost

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Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

John 11:26

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 27 TLH (Red Hymnal) Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C: ♪ Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

▶ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

> Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...
C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON DEUTERONOMY 32:39-43

Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. 40 For I raise My hand to heaven, And say, "As I live forever, 41 If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me. 42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the heads of the leaders of the enemy." 43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people."

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 45:1-7.

P: My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King;

C: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

P: You are fairer than the sons of men;

C: Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

P: Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,

C: With Your glory and Your majesty.

P: And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness;

C: And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

P: Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies;

C: The peoples fall under You.

P: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

C: A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

P: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions

SECOND LESSON JOHN 11:19-45

And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." 28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." 32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was,

and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" 37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." 45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did. believed in Him.

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!

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 of the Day 210 TLH (Red Hymnal) The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

SERMON 1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-28

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

For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

Jesus Christ is the Lord of Death and the

- 1. Because He Died, Death has been Subjected
- 2. Because He Lives, Eternal Life has been Gained

Preaching today Pastor Joseph Naumann bulletins and services online at <u>www.lmmanuelMankato.org</u>

We Offer Ourselves to the Lord

OFFERTORY WS (TAN HYMNAL) PG 16

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, take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn 732 WS Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

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 & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION A Good Word or Blessing.

Congregational Response: Amen.

Closing Hymn 189 TLH (Red Hymnal) He is Arisen! Glorious Word

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 9/19: 31

Saturday Family Bible Study 9/19: 6

Sunday Worship 9/20: In Person 97; Views 195

Sunday Family Bible Study 9/20: **26** Wednesday Bible class 9/23: **17** Primrose Bible Study 9/25: **7**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 9/25/2020; "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 Weekly Need: \$19,385	\$18,885	\$300
	Preschool Fund	\$55	
_	ILS Foundation	\$15	
	MPF Floor Replacement	\$7,130.84	
	Interactive Display Fund	\$5	
CLC		Plate/Mail	CashApp
	Missions (CB)	\$740	
Memorial for Robert Heinze		Plate/Mail	CashApp
-	Undesignated	\$80	

This Week

Sat Sept 26 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person

7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary

Sun Sept 27 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.lmmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

Mon Sept 28 Have a great week!

Tues Sept 29 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours

Wed Sept 30	5:00p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i> Confirmation Class- <i>In the MPF</i> Online Bible Class - <i>look for weekly log-in info in email</i>
Thu Oct 1	10:00a 10:00a	a Pastors' Office Hours Bible Study, <i>Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St</i> Bible Study, <i>Water's Edge, 800 Agency Rd</i> Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm -#7</i>
Fri Oct 2	9:00a	Outdoor Bible Class, Primrose 1360 Adams St
	4-7:00p	Marlene Fredricks visitation

Sat Oct 3 2-5:00p Family Outdoor Adventure Day at Seven Mile Creek Park- please join us for a family bible study at 2pm! Followed by outdoor activities!

6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person

7-7:45p Family Bible Class - Sanctuary

Sun Oct 4 9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary

9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM 10:00a WORSHIP. In-Person or Live Stream

Immanuel Announcements

FAMILY BIBLE CLASS We would like to invite you and your family for our in-person bible class. We will be holding our studies on Saturday evening after service (7-7:45pm) and Sunday before service (9-9:45am) right in the sanctuary! Please join us!

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

o 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.

- o **Cleaning** transportation of supplies and storage locations aren't easily accessible.
- o **Elevators** can be costly to maintain and our current elevator's location and size at times isn't ideal.
- o **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.
- o **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.
- o 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.
- o **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

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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED The school is looking for members who would be willing to be called on from time to time to help fill in when a teacher is absent. If you might be able to serve in this way please contact Principal Heinze at 507-404-0782 or by email at brandan.heinze@immanuelmankato.org. Thank you!

GYM FLOOR UPDATE This past week, the Voters of Immanuel decided to apply for a Church Extension Fund (CEF) loan from the CLC to pay for the replacement of the MPF floor. That loan has been approved by the CLC Board of Regents. The bleachers have been removed and the removal of the floor has begun. If you are interested in helping with that project, please contact Board of Property Chairman Kyle Hulke at (507) 382-7335. Please also keep the MPF Floor Replacement Fund in your prayers and offerings to the Lord!

PASTORS' OFFICE HOURS The pastors have adjusted their office hours. Please note that they will be held on Tuesday from 3pm-5pm and on Thursday from 8am-10am. Both pastors try to be there during those times, however it is more reliable to make an appointment, if possible. Thank you!

THE IMMANUEL MEMO The church office has released a new weekly email update entitled "The Immanuel Memo." This communication is meant to update friends and family of Immanuel regarding the ongoing work and activities that are being accomplished among us. Now is a great time to be sure that you and your loved ones are subscribed to our email list with your current email address. Please contact church@immanuelmankato.org if you have any questions or would like to add an email address. Thank you!

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Missionary Todd Ohlmann has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN <> 2020 Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD <> Pastor Chad Seybt has accepted the call extended to him by the tri-parish of Morning Star, Fairchild; Trinity, Millston; and Peace with God, Onalaska <> Rev. Stephen Sydow has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus counselor <> Prof. John Reim has announced his retirement from the teaching ministry at ILC effective at the end of the current school year

CLC JUNE COORDINATING COUNCIL ADDENDUM The

CLC Board of Trustees has produced a 13-page synod financial addendum to the June, 2020 report of the Coordinating Council. You may see this financial summary, which reports on fiscal year 2019 and 2020, online at tinyurl.com/20CC-addendum. The original CC Report can be seen in full at tinyurl.com/2020springcc. A hard copy of either of these documents is available upon request.

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).

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!