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The Season after Pentecost

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The stone which the builders
rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

Matthew 21:42

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 505 TLH (Red Hymnal)
O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

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: 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 ISAIAH 65:1-2

"I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' To a nation that was not called by My name. 2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts;

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 22:23-31

P: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!

C: All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

P: For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
C: Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.

P: My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;

C: I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

P: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.

C: Let your heart live forever!

P: All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C: And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.

P: For the kingdom is the LORD'S,

C: And He rules over the nations.

P: All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship;

C: All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

P: A posterity shall serve Him.

C: It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

P: They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,

C: That He has done this.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ROMANS 1:25-32

Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. **26**

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. **27**

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. **28**

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, **30** backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **32** who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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.

Sermon Hymn 465 TLH (Red Hymnal) Christ Is Our Cornerstone

SERMON MATTHEW 21:28-44

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

But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' **29** "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. **30** "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. **31** "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. **32** "For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. **34** "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. **35** "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. **36** "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. **37** "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' **38** "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' **39** "So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. **40** "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" **41** They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes ' ? **43** "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. **44** "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Jesus Warns Against Resisting God's Love

1. False Obedience is Resisting God's Love
2. Denying the Word is Resisting God's Love
3. Resistance Cannot Change God's Love

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 with Your Spirit free.

Sermon Hymn 709 WS (Tan Hymnal)
God Loves Me Dearly

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

Special Music 'One Thing Needful' (Sunday)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen.

Hymn 776 WS (Tan Hymnal)
Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 10/17: 55
 Saturday Family Bible Study 10/17: 7
 Sunday Worship 10/18: **In Person 91 ; Views 136**
 Sunday Family Bible Study 10/18: 12
 Wednesday Bible class 10/21: 18
 Primrose Bible Study 10/23: 12

Note: the number of views listed is as of 10/23/2020; "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: \$22,627.36</i>	\$13,126	\$712
ILS Foundation	\$15	
Interactive Display Fund	\$10	
MPF Floor Replacement	\$45	
Preschool Fund	\$25	
Benevolent Fund	\$60	
Refund for Overpayment	\$683.73	
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$2,418.60</i>	\$3,200	\$10
In Memory of Ken Schmitt	Plate/Mail	CashApp
School Undesignated	\$10	
Gym Floor Replacement	\$10,000	

This Week

Sat Oct 24 2:00p Alumni Game at Land of Memories Park
 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
 7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary

Sun Oct 25 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 OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

- Mon Oct 26 Have a great week!
7:00p Recessed Voters Meeting (In person in the sanctuary or Zoom)
- Tues Oct 27 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
7:00p Board of Education- Language Classroom
- Wed Oct 28 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
5:00p In Person Confirmation Class
6:00p Online Confirmation Class
7:00p Online Bible Class - *look for weekly log-in info in email*
- Thu Oct 29 8-10:00a Pastors' Office Hours
10:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*
3:30p **Primrose Worship Service**
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
- Fri Oct 30 Fall CAL at Willmar
No School
9:00a Bible Class, *Primrose 1360 Adams St*
- Sat Oct 31 **REFORMATION DAY**
6:00p **WORSHIP- Communion Weekend** In-Person
7-7:45p Family Bible Class - Sanctuary
- Sun Nov 1 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a **WORSHIP Communion Weekend**, 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? The Expansion Relocation Committee 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 have been:

Parking <> Single Level <> **PRESCHOOL** <> Facility Congestion <> Security <> Storage <> Green Space <> Maintenance & Operational Costs <> Location

- **Preschool**

- **IF added on our current campus** - we would sacrifice other vital space on our property. We would also need to add and update sprinkler systems and remove asbestos.
- **Looking elsewhere** - many of our member and non-member parents are looking for preschool options.
- **No feeder program for Kindergarten** - as families choose pre-schools they are more likely to stay with that school. Most schools see a growth from the addition of a preschool program.
- **Missed outreach opportunity** - when our congregation doesn't offer a service, there is potential for this lost opportunity to share the Gospel in this way.

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?

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

RECESSED VOTERS MEETING The meeting was recessed and will be completed on **Monday, October 26th**, at **7pm** in the sanctuary (with a Zoom option). Please check your eBallots for a test ballot, call Zach Lien with any problems at 507.341.4892.

SUMMARY OF VOTERS MEETING In elections, Darren Durst and Ted Schreyer were elected to the Board of Deacons. Ross Theneman was elected to complete the term of Mark Stelter. Jason Dick was elected to the Board of Finance. Luke Olmanson and Jay Hanel were elected to the Board of Property. Mac Friedrichs and Paul Bade were elected to the Board of Education.

The Treasurer's Report showed a General Fund balance at -\$128,141. Our plate offerings were \$433,650 against expected offerings of \$503,453. Our expenses were \$633,900 against a budgeted amount of \$660,764. Our CLC Mission giving was \$9,153 for the current CLC fiscal year.

The Financial Secretary reported that we have yet to receive the loan from the CEF.

The Board of Deacons reported that another round of letter will go to uninvolved members. The jail ministry has been paused by Covid. Plans are being worked to startup choir. The school setup in the sanctuary will remain.

The Board of Property reported that the tuck pointing, sanctuary painting and cleaning, and gym painting have been completed. The sidewalk is complete except for reseeding. We have a new janitor. The gym floor replacement is in progress. The board is working on estimates and options for check valves in the MPF, plowing bids, new floor waxer/cleaner, and a new supplier for cleaning supplies and paper.

The Board of Education reported on a chairman change to Bennett Olmanson. The Board will call for a High School position later.

The Board of Finance reported that options are being looked at for insurance. We are waiting for clearer and hopefully simple rules on PPP forgiveness. There is still property in Arizona we would like to sell.

The family of Herb Geiger was thanked on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary and Congregation of the donation of funds for a new refrigerator in the basement.

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CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Mrs. Bethany Gurgel has returned the call to serve as the female part-time on-campus counselor<> June Schmid was called to teach 4th grade part-time at Messiah, Lutheran, Eau Claire WI <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose has been called to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel, Morris, MN as well as Redeemer, Bowdle/Zion, Ipswich, SD

CANDIDATES FOR IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. The position would require someone seminary trained with the ability to teach primarily music, college Greek, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2021-22 academic year. The person would serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, potentially teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2020 (letters postmarked November 10, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.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!