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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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

I. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

THE INVOCATION

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

PASTOR: We begin our Reformation service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

ALL: I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen!

II. WE PRAISE OUR LORD

OPENING HYMN: #262 (v1) [Red Hymnal]

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'er taken.
The old evil Foe, Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal!

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ 2 CHRONICLES 29:12-19

During the reign of King Ahaz the people had been led away from the worship of the true God and encouraged in idolatry. The people forsook the LORD, and His temple was misused and finally closed. But the LORD raised up King Hezekiah who led the nation back to the LORD. He cleansed the temple of the LORD and reconsecrated it to the worship of the only true God beginning a much-needed religious reformation.

12 Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of

Joah; **13** of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; **14** of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. **15** And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. **16** Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron.

17 Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. **19** "Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the LORD."

OPENING HYMN: #262 (v2) [Red Hymnal]

**2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is!
The Almighty Lord,
And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Adapted from Hebrews 4:12-13, Isaiah 55:7-11, Isaiah 1:18, and 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Pastor: The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow,

ALL: And is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Pastor: There is no creature hidden from His sight,

ALL: But all things are revealed and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Pastor: We have done wickedly, but we wish to forsake that way,

ALL: We have been unrighteous, but we wish to forsake such thoughts;

Pastor: We would turn to the LORD, for He will have mercy on us;

ALL: And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Pastor: For His thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are His ways our ways.

ALL: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than our ways, And His thoughts than our thoughts.

Pastor: For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there,

ALL: But water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

Pastor: So shall God's Word be that goes forth from His mouth; it does not return to Him void, but it accomplishes what He pleases,

ALL: And it prospers in the thing for which He sends it.

Pastor: Having confessed your sins, hear now the Word of our Lord's forgiveness: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool." Because of Christ Jesus' death in your place, your sins are forgiven. Because of His resurrection, you too shall rise to glory, as God's free gift in Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: God grant that we continue in the things which we have learned and been assured of,

ALL: Knowing from whom we have learned them,

Pastor: And that from childhood we have known the Holy Scriptures,

ALL: Which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

ALL: And is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Pastor: That the man of God may be complete,

ALL: Thoroughly equipped for every good work. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #262 (v3) [Red Hymnal]

**3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill,**

**They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still, Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.**

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ JOHN 2:13-17

The Scriptures are full of examples where reformation was needed and took place. We live in a sinful world which constantly rebels against God and which is tempted to depart from the truth of His Word. Here Jesus Himself leads a needed reformation in the proper use of His house. God is rightly angered when we misuse His house or when we do not use it as we should. May the LORD also lead us to have a zeal for His house!

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. **15** When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. **16** And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" **17** Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

OPENING HYMN: #262 (v4) [Red Hymnal]

**4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will, Hate, steal, hurt, or kill -
Though all may be gone,
Our victory is won;
The Kingdom ours forever!**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

**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: #462 [Red Hymnal]

SERMON MEDITATION read/watch sermons and services online at immanuelmankato.org

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

Galatians 2:15-21 "We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law;
for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! **18** "For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **19** "For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **21** "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

My Currency of Righteousness is Christ

1. The pureness of the currency (defining denominations)

2. The value of the currency (deadly discipleship)

SERMON HYMN: #377:1-3, 5-6
“Salvation unto Us has Come” [Red Hymnal]

IV. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

“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

OFFERING HYMN: “HERE I STAND” – N. Radichel 9/13/09

In this world, I stand on trial, Before the “wisdom” of this age
Right or wrong, no more the question,
Entertainment and amusement has center stage
In the corner, on my own, Breathing deeply and patiently
In this hour, let truth be known,
For it is by Grace, Scripture, and Faith alone.

*Unless I am persuaded by the Word of God,
Unless I am shown what I have said is wrong*

**Here, I stand. I can do no other,
I will stand upon His Word.
Here, I stand. Though enemies surround me,
I’ll stand on His Word... alone.**

In this life, I stand acquitted, Before the throne of God, not of man
Promised love, is Christ’s answer, Therefore I will listen to His command

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ SING LORD’S PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER SUNG TO THE TUNE OF “ABIDE WITH ME” TLH #552

♪ **FATHER IN HEAVEN, HOLY BE YOUR NAME.**

YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE THE SAME

ON EARTH AS IT IS DONE IN HEAV’N ABOVE.

OUR FATHER BLESS YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOUR LOVE.

OUR DAILY BREAD PROVIDE FOR US EACH DAY.

AS WE FORGIVE, SO TAKE OUR SINS AWAY.

IN TIME OF TRIAL, SAVING LORD, BE NEAR,

FROM EVERY EVIL OUR DELIVERER.

YOURS IS THE KINGDOM; OVER ALL THINGS REIGN.

YOURS IS THE POWER; ALL THINGS YOU MAINTAIN.

YOURS IS THE GLORY, SOUND IT FORTH AGAIN.

FOREVER AND FOR EVERMORE. AMEN!

V. OUR LORD BLESSES US

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS / HYMNS OF 'GRACE'

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Our Confession of Faith from the Augsburg Confession (Articles 1-6)

P: Our churches with common consent teach: That since the fall of Adam, all people are born with sin, that is, without the fear of God, without trust in God.

ALL: The Son of God took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, so that in Him two natures, the divine and the human, are inseparably joined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true Man.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

♪ God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach. (TLH 245:3)

P: He truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humanity.

ALL: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,

P: And sanctify those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts, to rule, to comfort, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.

ALL: The same Christ shall openly come again to judge the living and the dead.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

♪ By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain;
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain. (TLH 373:1)

P: We also believe and confess that human beings cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith,

ALL: When they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

♪ **Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see! (WS 777:1)**

P: This faith God accounts as righteousness in His sight.

ALL: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.

P: For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith where and when it pleases God, in all who hear the Gospel,

ALL: And the Gospel is this, that God, not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

♪ **Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,--Wash me, Savior, or I die! (TLH 376:3)**

P: We also teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruits, and that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God because it is God's will.

ALL: Yet we should not rely on those works to merit justification before God, for the forgiveness of sins and justification are ours by God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

♪ **When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand. (TLH 370:2)**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: May this peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Our Practice of Close Communion

GUESTS AND MEMBERS! - We believe that God desires unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Immanuel and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. For more information pick up the tract from the narthex titled "Why Close Communion."

THANKSGIVING In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ for you (1 Thes. 5:18).

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red Hymnal, #309]

♪ **O Jesus, bless-ed Lord, to Thee,
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed,
On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say,
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!**

THE BENEDICTION - *The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace.

ALL: (sing) **Amen!**

CLOSING/SERMON HYMN: #377:8-10
"Salvation unto Us has Come" [Red Hymnal]

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 10/24: **61**
 Saturday Family Bible Study 10/24: none
 Sunday Worship 10/25: **In Person 91 ; Views 136**
 Sunday Family Bible Study 10/25: **25**
 Wednesday Bible class 10/28: **18**
 Primrose Bible Study 10/30: **9**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 10/30/2020; "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: \$25,141.51</i>	\$10,401	\$584
ILS Foundation	\$15	
Student Aid	\$465	
MPF Floor Replacement	\$3,100	
Preschool Fund	\$50	
Benevolent Fund	\$20	
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$2,687.33</i>	\$1,115	\$10
In Memory of Ken Schmitt	Plate/Mail	CashApp
MDF	\$15	
In Memory of Robert Heinze	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Undesignated	\$25	

This Week

Sat Oct 31

REFORMATION DAY

11-12p Communion Packet Pick Up
 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
 7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Fall Back 1 Hour! =]

Sun Nov 1 9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
 10:00a **WORSHIP, REFORMATION SUNDAY** 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 Nov 2		Have a great week!
Tues Nov 3	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	5:30p	Expansion Relocation Committee- pastors' offices
	7:00p	Outreach Committee- Language Classroom
Wed Nov 4	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	5:00p	In Person Confirmation Class
	6:00p	Online Confirmation Class
	7:00p	Online Bible Class - <i>look for weekly log-in info in email</i>
Thu Nov 5	8-10:00a	Pastors' Office Hours
	10:00a	Bible Study, <i>Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St</i>
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
Fri Nov 6	9:00a	Bible Class, <i>Primrose 1360 Adams St</i> (small cafeteria)
Sat Nov 7	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person
	7-7:45p	Family Bible Class - Sanctuary
Sun Nov 8	9-9:45a	Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	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? 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

VOTERS MEETING UPDATE At the quarterly voter's meeting elections were held. Jason Dick was elected to Finance, Jay Hanel and Luke Olmanson to Property, Paul Bade and Mac Friedrichs to Education, and Ted Schreyer and Darren Durst to Deacons. Ross Theneman was also elected to complete Mr. Mark Stelter's term so he can focus on his recovery.

The meeting was recessed and was completed on Monday, October 26th, at 7pm in the sanctuary (with a Zoom option). Ben Stelter was accepted into voting membership. The ERC presented information on concerns raised over the years with the question, "Should Immanuel Relocate?" The gym floor lines and logo, and wall art plans are coming along and hope to be done in the next 2-3 weeks. The Council moved to maintain 3 months of payments in the gym floor fund and any amount above that goes toward a principal payment.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS The 10th Grade class is selling Christmas wreaths, Spruce Tip Containers, Garland, and many other items to raise money for their trip to Washington DC in the Fall of 2021. If you are interested in supporting the class or would just simply like to see what we are offering, please contact one of the 10th Graders, Mr. Benjamin Hanel (benjamin.hanel@immanuelmankato.org), or Amanda Harris at the School office.

The students will be turning in the order forms by the 13th of November so try to place your order before then. Items will be available for pickup on the 23rd through the 28th of November at 310 N. Washington Ave. St. Peter, MN 56082. When you are ready to pick up your item(s) just drop by and they will be already packaged and ready to go. Thank you!

CLC Announcements

CALLED HOME Retired CLC teacher/principal Gerhardt Mueller passed away peacefully on Oct 27 at age 94 at home. One of his 7 children is Paula Stelter. Visitation will be at Luther Memorial this Saturday (10/31) from 9 am - 11 am. The victory service will be at 11 am. The service will be streamed live. Those who wish can access the service from the front page of their website: www.fdllutheran.com. Encouragement can be sent to Gerhardt's widow, Bernice, at: 573 S Park Ave Fond du Lac, WI 54935

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labor'" (Rev. 14:13).

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.

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On the lighter side of things... from several years ago:
I thought that this fit with today's message well. -Pastor Neal



Witnessing idea for the week:

Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)

A Witness to be Thankful for...

How often when we are talking with someone do we get the chance to express simply how blessed we are. We take so many things for granted. We fight our sinful flesh daily in complaining and not be content with what we have been given by our loving and gracious Father in heaven!

Why be thankful?

Why not spend more time each morning when we wake up, eating breakfast, or getting ready for the day by thinking all about what my Savior has done for me? That perspective is the right start for the day. That perspective gives true light in this often very dark and depressing world. We have the light of Christ, our Savior!

Our conduct and attitude to the world expresses our thankfulness!

Why not invite others to our come to our Thanksgiving worship?

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!