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The Season after Pentecost

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There remains therefore a rest
for the people of God.

Hebrews 4:9

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 606 TLH (Red Hymnal)
O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking

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.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your 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

P: ♪ The Lord be with you

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: ♪ Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men.

P: ♪ We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪ We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

P: ♪ O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪ God the Father Almighty.

P: ♪ O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

P: ♪ Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ Have mercy upon us.

P: ♪ You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ Receive our prayer.

P: ♪ You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: ♪ Have mercy upon us.

P: ♪ For You only are holy;

C: ♪ You only are the Lord.

P: ♪ You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: ♪ Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Our Lord Speaks to Us

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 40:9-11

O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" **10** Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. **11** He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

ANTIPHON PSALM 146 WS (PG 41)

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 24:37-44

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **38** "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **40** "Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. **41** "Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. **42** "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. **43** "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **44** "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

SERMON HEBREWS 4:9-13

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

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. **10** For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. **11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **12** For 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, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Church: Your Weekly Soul Surgery

1. His Rest Calms Our Worries

2. His Word Renews Our Hearts

Preaching today: Pastor Joseph Naumann

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.

♪ 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 376 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen!

Hymn 410 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Jesus, Lead Thou On

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 11/7: 45

Sunday Worship 11/8: **In Person 84 ; Views 152**

Sunday Family Bible Study 11/8: **16 ; Views 21**

Wednesday Bible class 11/11: **16**

Bell Plain Bible Class 11/12: **8**

Primrose Bible Study 11/13: **9**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 11/13/2020; "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: \$30,755.52</i>	\$8,643.27	\$1,013
ILS Student Aid		\$50
MPF Floor Replacement	\$185.50	\$200
Preschool Fund	\$75	
Benevolent Fund	\$20	
ILS Foundation	\$15	\$100
Interactive Display Fund	\$15	
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$3,295.86</i>		
MDF		\$150
Kinship		\$100
In Memory of Gerhardt Mueller	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Mission Fund		\$25

This Week

Sat Nov 14 6:00p WORSHIP, In-Person
 7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary

Sun Nov 15 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/

11:00a 3rd Sunday Communion-pastors offices

- Mon Nov 16 Have a great week!
9:00a Bible Study at Speros Senior Living- 125 Commerce Dr W Belle Plaine
- Tues Nov 17 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
6:30p Deacons Meeting in Conference Room
7:00p Board of Education Meeting in Language Room
7:00p Board of Property Meeting in Church Basement
7:30p Board of Finance Meeting in pastors' offices
8:00p Council Meeting in Church Basement
- Wed Nov 18 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 Nov 19 8-10:00a Pastors' Office Hours
10:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
- Fri Nov 20 9:00a Primrose Bible Study- *1360 Adams St*
11:00a Autumn Grace Worship Service- *118 Raven Ct*
- Sat Nov 21 6:00p **WORSHIP** In-Person
7-7:45p Family Bible Class - Sanctuary
- Sun Nov 22 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

A NEW CHURCH YEAR At the end of this month we will begin a new church year, and with a new church year comes a new series of texts and readings for our worship services. Your pastors don't choose random sermon texts and readings each week, but follow a lectionary, which is a set of pre-chosen readings for the entire church year. This practice was used by the Jews during and before the time of Jesus, and was also utilized in the early New Testament church, using readings from the Gospels and Epistles.

This year we will be following the Thomasius Lectionary which was developed over 150 years ago by a German pastor and professor by the name Gottfried Thomasius. Thomasius served in Erlangen and Nuremberg as a pastor until he accepted a position at the University of Erlangen in 1842. There he served the university as a dogmatics professor and as the "university chaplain" for over 30 years. He was extremely influential as a teacher during these years, and it was there that he prepared this lectionary for use in the church. In 1865 the General Synod of Bavaria recommended his lectionary for use in the churches of Bavaria, Germany.

The Thomasius lectionary has some unique characteristics. There are a number of familiar readings that we will find in other lectionaries, but there are also some that are uncommon. These new readings are refreshing. The lectionary will follow the book of Hebrews during the season of Lent, and the book of Revelation through the Easter season. When we enter the Trinity season it will use a Bible History approach to take us chronologically through the Old Testament, beginning with Abraham and finishing during the ministry of the prophet Isaiah during the kings of Judah. As we journey through the Old Testament, we will simultaneously work our way through the history of the early church using the book of Acts for the first 13 weeks, before we dig into some of the New Testament epistles.

We enter a new year with confidence that the LORD will bless our study of His Word of truth, as we meditate on the works of the LORD, Who alone is our hope and our salvation!

MANDATE UPDATE This past week Governor Walz issued Executive Order 20-96. This Order is an amendment to Executive Order 20-74. This amendment was meant primarily to restrict the size of social gatherings and organizations who offer food or drink. However, the amendment did not make any changes to paragraph 6.C.v.B. which reads,

In indoor settings, occupancy must not exceed 50 percent of the normal occupant capacity as determined by the fire marshal, with a maximum of 250 people in a single self-contained space.

This new mandate does not affect our current worship practices in any way. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our current worship format, please contact a pastor or deacon. Thank you!

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS Women's Study Guild has updated the card display in the back-church entry. It now includes Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Cards are available for purchase for 50 cents each.

2020 DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION The high school drama club will present a play this year, via Zoom & YouTube. Links for the events will be provided at a later date.

DATES & TIMES:

Saturday, November 21 will be a live Zoom session. There will be introductions and a closing of the play provided by the cast members via Zoom. The play will begin at 7pm.

Sunday, November 22 will be a YouTube Premier. The video will premiere at 2pm and will be able to be accessed any time after that.

TITLE & DESCRIPTION: This year's production is written to be performed on a platform like Zoom. It is titled: *10 Ways to Survive Life In a Quarantine: A Stay-At-Home* play. Here is a brief description: If you're spending a long time at home, it can be a challenge to keep yourself occupied. Luckily, *10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine* is full of handy solutions, from putting on a musical with your dog, to becoming an announcer for a made-up sport, to falling in love with an inanimate object. Hey, we promised handy solutions - we never said they wouldn't be strange. Whether or not you're inspired to take up origami and squirrel observation, this flexible new play written by Don Zolidis especially for actors to perform online is sure to bring a laugh to anyone who finds themselves unexpectedly indoors.

We hope you can join for this special live event next Saturday. Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel Lutheran School, even during these difficult times.

Mrs. Stephanie Roettger, Director
Mrs. Hilary Lien, Producer
Mr. Michael Wheaton, Producer

CLC Announcements

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.

CLC CALLS Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew has returned the call sent to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie MN

ILC COLLEGE VISITORS DAY Sadly, COVID constraints are affecting our annual College Visitors' Day on Friday, November 20. Due to restrictions Immanuel is unable to issue an open invitation to off-campus visitors, as we normally do. However, if you are a young person or parent who wants to find out more about Immanuel Lutheran College, you may view the Visitors' Day presentations streamed live starting at 10:30 a.m., link available on the home page at ILC.edu. If you still wish to attend in person on Nov. 20, or would like an individualized tour of campus at another time, please contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann to discuss possible arrangements (715-836-6636, or paul.naumann@ilc.edu).

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!

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?