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Christ the King

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The Lord has done great things
for us. We are glad.

Psalm 126:3

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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing *(Screen for Lyrics)*

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

Pastor (P): "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.

Congregation (C): For He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: ♪ Amen!

CONFESSION AND 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 READING ISAIAH 65:17-19

Through Isaiah the LORD describes the joys of heaven. The LORD calls it the "new heavens" and "new earth" which He will create for His people on the Last Day. Sorrow will be no more, replaced with unending joy and true happiness, something much more than the tainted joy that we experience in this life. We will also be the joy of the LORD, and not a source of pain or sorrow because of our sin. What a treasure!

17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former shall not be remembered or [a]come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people;
The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.

RESPONSIVE READING REVELATION 21:1-7

Near the end of his life, the Lord gave the Apostle John a vision of heaven and what it will be like. While we trudge through sin and evil now, we continue on, in faith in the work of Christ, and knowing that God has something wonderful in store in the future. Through Christ's completed work on Calvary, this In heaven the pain and sorrow of this present world will be gone because sin will be removed, once and for all. We will see and dwell in Christ's Kingdom, forever!

P: Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

C: Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

P: And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

C: And He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

P: And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;

C: There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

P: Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

C: And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

P: And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

C: He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

SECOND READING MATTHEW 5:13-16

Here Jesus explains the purpose of the Christian's life as we await the Savior's return and our inheritance in heaven. Our lives serve a purpose even now as we wait for our Savior. Our lives serve the purpose of pointing people to the truth that they might glorify God. If our lives are not serving the purpose which God intended, then they are useless. Lord help us to serve you as you desire.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **14** "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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 THIRD ARTICLE

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 359 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

SERMON PSALM 126

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

Heading: A song of the ascents. | *The Captives Return*

When the Lord restored the captives to Zion, we were like dreamers. 2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." 3 The Lord has done great things for us. We are glad. 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the dry gulches of the Negev. 5 Those who sow with weeping will reap with joyful shouts. 6 The one who walks along weeping, carrying a bag of seed to sow, will come back again with joyful shouts, carrying his sheaves.

When the Lord Restores...

1. He needs to pinch me with where I've been (vs 1-2)
2. He seeks to flood me with what He has done (vs 3-4)
3. He loves to cheer me with what I have won (vs 5-6)

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

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.

Sermon Hymn 351 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Love Divine, All Love Excelling

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

OFFERING MEDITATION

THE DAY AFTER THE DAY- N RADICHEL

Here we are the day after the day, without any sorrow in our lives
No more walk on the narrow way, Christ has brought us to our prize
All the hosts and angels sing, an unheard song for our King
And all at once in one accord, eternal dwelling with our Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, We give praise to You now forevermore
No longer, jars of clay, for here we are the day after the day -In Paradise

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen!

Closing Hymn 339 vs 1-3,7 TLH (Red Hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 11/14: 32
 Sunday Worship 11/15: **In Person 65 ; Views 187**
 Sunday Family Bible Study 11/15: 20
 Wednesday Bible class 11/18: 20
 Primrose Bible Study 11/20: 7

Note: the number of views listed is as of 11/20/2020; "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: \$35,881.44</i>	\$8,382.50	\$540
ILS Student Aid	\$465	
MPF Floor Replacement	\$75.50	
Benevolent Fund	\$20	
Interactive Display Fund	\$5	
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$3,845.17</i>	\$615	\$10
ILC Building	\$20	

This Week

- Sat Nov 21 12:00p Visitation for Roger Tolzmann
2:00p Victory Service for Roger Tolzmann
2:45p Committal for Roger Tolzmann
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. 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 23 Have a great week!
- Tues Nov 24 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
7:00p Board of Education Meeting in Language Room
- Wed Nov 25 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
5:00p In Person Confirmation Class
6:00p Thanksgiving Eve Service
6:00p Online Confirmation Class
- Thu Nov 26 8-10:00a Pastors' Office Hours
9:00a Thanksgiving Day Worship
10:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
- Fri Nov 27 9:00a Primrose Bible Study- *1360 Adams St*
- Sat Nov 28 6:00p **WORSHIP** In-Person
7-7:45p Family Bible Class - Sanctuary
- Sun Nov 29 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

CHANCEL FERNS The chancel ferns are available to anyone after the service on Sunday morning. Contact Lane Fischer if you would like assistance.

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.

FROM THE BOARD OF FIANCE We are currently roughly \$184,400 away from our 2020 year giving goal. This gap represents 26.4% of our budgeted giving and is a significant amount of money to make up over the next 6 weekends (counting today) and Thanksgiving. With the short-fall and our remaining budget we need to give ~\$31,000 a week. Please take some time to prayerfully consider your giving.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE December 24th 8am-Noon, Immanuel has the opportunity to host a blood drive in the new gym, visit redcrossblood.org and search Immanuel Lutheran Church School.

SENIOR COOKIE DOUGH SALE Due to current events all our sales will be online this year. But funds still go to the Senior Class Trip! Please check it out if you are interested in cookies and want to help the Seniors out!
<https://app.scoreboard.coach/storefront/sales/9NNYrfHAP0CpJT0zTUwPoQ>

2020 DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

Immanuel Lutheran School Drama Club Presents their annual fall play, via Zoom & YouTube. This year's production is titled: "10 Ways to Survive Life In a Quarantine: A Stay-At-Home"

A live Zoom presentation of the play will be on Saturday, November 21 @ 7:00pm.

The link is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76304504779?pwd=ai8vTjNnNGl2VXJleTROtkRXNXRiQT09>

The play will also premiere on YouTube on Sunday, November 22 @ 2:00pm.

It can be found on the school or church YouTube page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4xEQIFuMBsDPKGYTuXAtAw> - Church YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHzEORN1IEEn6CzKLqN8g60g> - School YouTube.

Thank you for your continued support of the drama club at Immanuel.

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI has called Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, WA to be their upper grade teacher/principal <> Pastor Aaron Ude, Berea, Sioux Falls, SD has returned the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY<> Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY <> Teacher Matt Thurow, Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN has been called to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC

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!