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The Season after Pentecost

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I have inscribed you on the
palms of my hands.

Isaiah 49:16

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 534 TLH (Red Hymnal)
God of My Life, to Thee I Call

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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 96:1-4

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

C: Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: His wonders among all peoples.

P: For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;

C: He is to be feared above all gods

P: Glory be to God!

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity,
For planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free,
On whom our trust is founded, our house built on a rock,
Our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock,
Dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again,
Join saints and angels singing, 'Amen, Amen, Amen!'

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen

Our Lord Speaks to Us

EPISTLE READING 2 PETER 3:3-15

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, **4** and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." **5** For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, **6** by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. **7** But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. **8** But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. **11** Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, **12** looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new

heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. **14** Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; **15** and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation-- as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING LUKE 7:20-33

Congregational Welcome: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" **21** And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. **22** Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. **23** "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." **24** When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? **25** "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts. **26** "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. **27** "This is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' **28** "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." **29** And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. **30** But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him. **31** And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? **32** "They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: 'We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not weep.' **33** "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

Congregational Response: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

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 268 TLH (Red Hymnal) tune 401
Zion Mourns in Fear and Anguish

SERMON ISAIAH 49:13-18

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

Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted. **14** But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me." **15** "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. **16** See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me. **17** Your sons shall make haste; Your destroyers and those who laid you waste Shall go away from you. **18** Lift up your eyes, look around and see; All these gather together and come to you. As I live," says the LORD, "You shall surely clothe yourselves with them all as an ornament, And bind them on you as a bride does.

God's Love is Never in Question

1. The fact of God's love is that He does not forget His people
2. The fact of God's love is that He does redeem His people

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.

Sermon Hymn 779 WS (Tan Hymnal)

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

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 OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 68 TLH (Red Hymnal) The Advent of Our King

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 10/31: 29

Saturday Family Bible Study 10/31: 0

Sunday Worship 11/1: **In Person 122 ; Views 150**

Sunday Family Bible Study 11/1: 26

Wednesday Bible class 11/4: 21

Primrose Bible Study 11/6: 8

Note: the number of views listed is as of 11/6/2020; "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: \$26,911.08</i>	\$11,457	\$688
ILS Foundation	\$15	
MPF Floor Replacement	\$1,099	
Preschool Fund	\$100	
Benevolent Fund	\$110	
Land Purchase Fund		\$100
CLC	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$2,883.88</i>	\$615	\$10
In Memory of Ken Schmitt	Plate/Mail	CashApp
Undesignated	\$25	

This Week

- 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: *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 9 Have a great week!
- Tues Nov 10 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
 6:30p Deacons Meeting- basement conference room
 7:00p Board of Education Meeting- high school language room
 7:00p Board of Property Meeting- church basement
 7:30p Board of Finance Meeting- pastors office
 8:00p Council Meeting- church basement
- Wed Nov 11 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 12 8-10:00a Pastors' Office Hours
 10:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*
 1:00p Speros Bible Study, *Spero Senior Living, 125 Commerce Dr W Belle Plaine*
 5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
 7:00p Elders Team Blue Meeting- pastors offices
- Fri Nov 13 9:00a Bible Class, *Primrose 1360 Adams St*
- 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
 11:00a 3RD Sunday Communion -pastor's offices

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

WREATH SALES 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.

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.

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!