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He will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11

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 328 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Oh Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art

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 & GOD'S ABSOLUTION

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 9:1-4

P: I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C: I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

P: I will be glad and rejoice in You;

C: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

P: When my enemies turn back,

C: They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

P: For You have maintained my right and my cause;

C: You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 11:1-10

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. **2** The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. **3** His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; **4** But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. **5** Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. **6** "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. **7** The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **8** The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. **9** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. **10** "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

EPISTLE READING ROMANS 2:12-16

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

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law **13** (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; **14** for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a

law to themselves, **15** who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) **16** in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

C: ♪ 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.

Hymn 63 TLH (Red Hymnal)
On Jordan's Banks the Baptist Cry

SERMON MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, **2** and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" **3** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"
4 And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5** Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him **6** and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. **7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, **9** and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. **10** And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.

Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

John Points out the Way of Repentance

1. Pointing to Your Sin
2. Pointing to Your Savior
3. Pointing to Your Fruits

Preaching today: Pastor Joe 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 751 WS (Tan Hymnal)
God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

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

PRAYERS

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 51 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Now May He Who from the Dead

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 12/5: 60

Saturday Family Bible Study 10

Sunday Worship 12/6: **In Person 103 ; Views 155**

Sunday Family Bible Study 12/6: 17

Midweek Advent Worship 12/9: 79

Primrose Bible Study 12/11: 7

Note: the number of views listed is as of 12/11/2020; "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: \$43,632.13</i>	\$27,994.18	\$725
Student Aid	\$2,050.00	\$50
MPF Floor Replacement	\$177.50	
Benevolent Fund	\$60	
Interactive Display Fund	\$5	
Thanksgiving	\$20	
Preschool Fund	\$25	
Advent Offerings	\$5,971.40	\$20
2020 Sanc. Remodel	\$4,000	

CLC		
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$5,765.33</i>	\$2,610	\$5
Kinship		\$100
Missions (MDF)		\$150

This Week

- Sat Dec 12 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
- Sun Dec 13 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 Dec 14 Have a great week!
- Tues Dec 15 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
- Wed Dec 16 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
6:00p **Advent Service** Livestreamed
- Thu Dec 17 8-10:00a Pastors' Office Hours
10:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E Walnut St*
5:00p In Person Confirmation Class
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
6:00p Online Confirmation Class
- Fri Dec 18 9:00a Primrose Bible Study- *1360 Adams St*
- Sat Dec 19 6:00p **WORSHIP** In-Person
7-7:45p Family Bible Class - Sanctuary
- Sun Dec 20 9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a **WORSHIP** In-Person or Live Stream
11:00 a 3rd Sunday Communion in pastors' office

Immanuel Announcements

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Our Immanuel High School Seniors are hosting a blood drive at Immanuel on **December 24 from 8am-12pm**. Everyone who donates gets a free long sleeve t-shirt and COVID antibody testing.

Contact Amber Casto to sign up or call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life this holiday season!

Amber Casto: [Email:ajcasto12@gmail.com](mailto:ajcasto12@gmail.com) Phone: 507-327-3059

Thank you for your support!

Aubree Kranz, Amber Casto, Grace Busch, Danielle Durst

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

- **Facility Congestion**

- **Multiple overlapping areas** - between the classes, study spaces, eating lunch, art space, band-choir space, we usually have to run these activities in the same spaces at the same time which is incredibly distracting for teachers and students.
- **High School Class Space** - we offer more classes than the three classrooms can handle at once.
- **Shared space with church and school** - special services like midweek, funerals, etc. conflict with school operations, and vice versa.
- **Fellowship area** in the narthex outside of the sanctuary, can get very crowded after services and gives no opportunity for members or guests to visit.
- **Existing church nursery** does not offer a great deal of privacy for families or mother's nursing.
- **Special school services** - like our title one services and speech, are crammed into closets.

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 Rykhuis, Russ Schmitt, Jared Miller, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

GYM CLOSED The gym is closed for any and all use until December 18th. Not only is this in compliance with the gym closure executive order, but there was some bubbling in the floor finish as the second coat of finish was put on before the first coat had fully dried. The floor will be buffed and another coat of finish will be applied during this gym closure. Any questions can be directed to Board of Education Chairman Bennett Olmanson, Pastor Joe Naumann, or Principal Brandan Heinze

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING special books by L. Dale Redlin \$10.00 each. These are located for purchase by the church office:

God's Promise Kept --- Vol. I, Vol. II
Sheep and Shepherds
Poems of Prayer and Praise
It Takes Cow chips to Make Dinner

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM A special program is being put together this year for our celebration of Christmas Eve. An email has been sent out detailing how you and your family can participate in selected readings and hymns. If you did not get that email or have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Naumann. Thank you!

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN<> Paul Tiefel III, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. has been called to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah, Hales Corners <> Pastor Del Maas, Gift of God, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul, Ponsford, MN has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PROFESSOR The following nominations have been received to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year: Pastors Paul Krause, Neal Radichel, Rob Sauers, and David Schaller. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 29, 2020 (letters postmarked December 24, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

BUILDING PROGRESS IN NEPAL The construction of the new multi-purpose building for the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) and the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) has begun. Former Immanuel Vicar Raju Bhitrokoti has sent a number of pictures and videos you can see here: <http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/2020/12/progress-in-nepal.html>

ILC EAU CLAIRE CHRISTMAS CONCERT The ILC Christmas Concert will be held Friday, December 18 at 7:00 pm. Because of the mild forecast for Friday, the concert will be held outside on the hillside next to the gym. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs, if they wish. Because of the considerable space we have outdoors, it will be open to the public.

CLC PROJECT- KINSHIP ON THE RISE! As endeavors to spread the Gospel overseas continue to increase, so do our opportunities to support these endeavors. Of the current 113 overseas seminary students, there are currently five students that do not have stateside sponsors. Please consider becoming a sponsor through the CLC KINSHIP program. The cost for this sponsorship is \$35/month (\$420/year). There will also be sponsorship opportunities for the overseas orphan population soon, and KINSHIP would welcome folks who are willing to be put on the "wait list" for those sponsorships. These sponsorships require a similar financial commitment. Contact is Dan Roehl (danroehl@hotmail.com or 507-381-2042).

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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!