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There is laid up for me the crown of
righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:8

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

Entrance Hymn 293 TLH (Red Hymnal)
O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

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 Holy Spirit.
Congregation (C): ♪ 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.

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 LESSON ISAIAH 63:7-17

I will mention the loving kindnesses of the LORD And the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His loving kindnesses. **8** For He said, "Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie." So He became their Savior. **9** In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old. **10** But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them. **11** Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, **12** Who led them by the right hand of Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing the water before them To make for Himself an everlasting name, **13** Who led them through the deep, As a horse in the wilderness, That they might not stumble?" **14** As a beast goes down into the valley, And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To make Yourself a glorious name. **15** Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? **16** Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are

our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name. **17** O LORD, why have You made us stray from Your ways, And hardened our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants' sake, The tribes of Your inheritance.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 96 (WS PG 26)

SECOND LESSON LUKE 2:22-32

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD "), **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." **25** And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, **28** he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: **29** "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; **30** For my eyes have seen Your salvation **31** Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, **32** A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

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 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 of the Day 447 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

SERMON READING 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-8

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. **5** But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. **6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Paul Teaches the Difference between Fables and Facts

1. For Boldness in This Life
2. For Confidence in the Next Life

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

We Offer Ourselves to the Lord

OFFERTORY WS (TAN HYMNAL) PG 16

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. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn 381 TLH (Red Hymnal)
I Know My Faith is Founded

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen.

Hymn 463 vs 1-2, 5-8 TLH (Red Hymnal)
For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 12/19: 43

Saturday Family Bible Study: 5

Sunday Worship 12/20: **In Person 115 ; Views 151**

Sunday Family Bible Study: **17**

Christmas Eve Service 4pm: **90**

Christmas Eve Service 6pm: **80**

Christmas Day Service: **112**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 12/24/2020; "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 \$103,194.50</i>	\$9,337.50	
Land Purchase Fund	\$50	
MPF Floor Replacement	\$92.50	
Major Improvement Fund	\$10	
Interactive Display Fund	\$30	
Advent Offerings	\$410	
Student Aid	\$25	
Foundation	\$30	
Benevolent	\$61	
CLC		
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need \$14,556</i>	\$750	
Memorial for Sonja Olmanson		
ILS Student Aid	\$20	
CLC Missions	\$35	
Memorial for Burdette Wheaton		
Undesignated	\$200	

This Week

- Sat Dec 26 6:00p **WORSHIP, In-Person**
- Sun Dec 27 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/
Have a great week!
- Mon Dec 28
- Tues Dec 29 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
- Wed Dec 30 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
- Thu Dec 31 3:30 Primrose Worship Service
5:45 Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
6:00p **New Year's Eve Service- Communion Service**
- Fri Jan 1 9:00a **New Year's Day Song Service**

	5-6p	Communion Packet Pick Up
Sat Jan 2	11-12p	Communion Packet Pick Up
	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person, Communion Weekend
Sun Jan 3	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM</i> or <i>102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream, Communion Weekend

Immanuel Announcements

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CALL At our upcoming Annual Voters' Meeting on January 18, 2020, the Immanuel Board of Education will be requesting nominations for a high school math and science teacher to begin the 2021-2022 school year. The individual would be expected to teach an agreed upon number of the following courses: Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, Physical Science/Biology, Chemistry/Physics, Spanish 1/Spanish 2, and Technology Coordinator. The BOE is putting together a call list with the help of the CLC President. Part of this process includes compiling basic biographical information on any individuals who will be nominated. If you have been prayerfully led to nominate someone at the upcoming meeting, please inform BOE Chairman Bennett Olmanson and Pastor Naumann so that they can include the name and biography on the call list. They are hoping to get the list to our Voters' in advance of the Annual Meeting. Any voting member of Immanuel is able to nominate. Non-voters should speak to a voter or a pastor if they would like to nominate. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI, has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Redeemer of Bowdle, SD, and Zion of Ipswich, SD, have called Pastor Emeritus John Klatt to serve as their vacancy pastor, beginning in 2021. Pastor Klatt has accepted their calls. <> Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI, has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Paul Tiefel III, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has been called to be principal and upper grade teacher by Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN, has been called by Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, to be upper grade teacher and principal.