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For God is the King of all the
earth; Sing praises with
understanding.

Psalm 47:7

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.

We Prepare to Meet our Lord

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

Pastor (P): We begin this Communion Service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

We Praise our Lord

INTROIT *We adore our Lord and His name.*

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

P: For the LORD Most High is awesome;

C: He is a great King over all the earth.

P: He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.

C: He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. (*Ps 47:1-4*)

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

Our Lord Speaks to Us

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON MALACHI 14:1-6

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

What will the second coming of the Savior be like? A day of destruction for the wicked, but a day of peace for those who "fear the LORD." The LORD prepares sinners for both comings of His Son through the preaching of the Word -- both Law and Gospel -- which brings about repentance and faith and moves us to respond to Him with willing lives of service.

"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. **2** But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. **3** You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this," Says the LORD of hosts. **4** "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. **6** And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

RESPONSIVE READING 1 TIMOTHY 6: 11-16

P: But you, O man of God, flee these things

C: and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

P: Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called

C: and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

P: I urge you in the sight of God

C: who gives life to all things,

P: and before Christ Jesus

C: who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

P: that you keep this commandment without spot,

C: blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

P: which He will manifest in His own time,

C: He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

P: who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see,

C: to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen!

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 17:20-30

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus came to this earth so that all people could be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom of God. But, when questioned about this Kingdom, Jesus warns that it will come without warning, just as in the days of the flood. Many people won't be prepared when Jesus returns on the Last Day. As we await that day, there will be troubles, and at times we would wish that it would come more quickly. But He will come at the right time, and He will be with us until then.

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; **21** "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." **22** Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. **23** "And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them. **24** "For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. **25** "But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. **26** "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: **27** "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **29** "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **30** "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He

suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 56 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

SERMON PSALM 47

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

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! **2** For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. **3** He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet. **4** He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

5 God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet. **6** Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! **7** For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. **8** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. **9** The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

Christ's Coming is Instrumental to Our Lives

1. Instrumental to the instruments of war
2. Instrumental to His instruments of praise
3. Instrumental to our inheritance of His promise

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Sermon Hymn 742 *WS (Tan Hymnal)*
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

We Offer Ourselves to the Lord

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

Offering Hymn 400 vs 1,6 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
Take My Life and Let It Be

SPECIAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord Gives Himself to Us

INSTITUTION OF THE LORDS SUPPER

P: Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20), the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), and the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 11:24). What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

ALL: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

Hymn 315 vs 1 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

P: But where is this written?

ALL: The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:

P: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'

ALL: In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

P: 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

Hymn 315 vs 6 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORDS SUPPER

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

ALL: The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

P: For where there is forgiveness of sins,

ALL: There is also life and salvation!

Hymn 315 vs 9 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

THE POWER OF THE LORDS SUPPER

P: How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

ALL: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this.

P: These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.

ALL: Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

Hymn 315 vs 11 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

THE RECEPTION OF THE LORDS SUPPER

P: When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

ALL: Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.

P: However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

ALL: Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.

Hymn 315 vs 13 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Thanksgiving 15 *TLH Melody (Red Hymnal)*
Song of Simeon

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: Amen!

Closing Hymn 309 TLH (Red Hymnal)

O Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee

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Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 11/28: 38

Saturday Family Bible Study: 0

Sunday Worship 11/29: **In Person 94 ; Views 150**

Sunday Family Bible Study 11/29: 17

Primrose Bible Study 12/4: 9

Note: the number of views listed is as of 12/4/2020; "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: \$41,168.41</i>	\$7,817	\$329
Land Purchase		\$100
MPF Floor Replacement	\$75.50	
Benevolent Fund	\$20	
Interactive Display Fund	\$10	
Thanksgiving	\$55	\$180

CLC

Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need: \$4,984</i>	\$420	\$10
Kinship	\$380	

Memorial for Kenneth Schmitt

Kinship	\$30	
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Memorial for Kenneth Schmitt

Kinship	\$20	
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Memorial for Kenneth Schmitt		
Kinship	\$330	

This Week

- Sat Dec 5 11:00a Communion Packet Pick Up
6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person- **Communion Weekend**
7-7:45p Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
- Sun Dec 6 9-9:45a Family Bible Class- Sanctuary
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a **WORSHIP**, In-Person or Live Stream- **Communion Weekend**. 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 7 Have a great week!
- Tues Dec 8 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
6:30p Deacons Meeting- basement conference room
7:00p Board of Education Meeting- HS Language Room
7:00p Board of Property Meeting- basement conference room
7:30p Board of Finance Meeting- pastors' offices
8:00p Council Meeting- church basement
- Wed Dec 9 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
6:00p **Advent Service** *Livestreamed*
- Thu Dec 10 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 11 9:00a Primrose Bible Study- *1360 Adams St*
- 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

Immanuel Announcements

ANNIVERSARY Former Immanuel members, Al and Mary Hansen, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on **December 10**. Please help their family celebrate with a card shower! Their address is: 1116 Birchwood Lane, Aberdeen, SD 57401

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE December 24th 8am-Noon, Immanuel has the opportunity to host a blood drive in the new gym, visit [https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=&search=Immanuel Lutheran Church School](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=&search=Immanuel+Lutheran+Church+School).

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 Rykhus, 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

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/9NNYrfHAP0CpJTOzTUwPoQ>

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY <> 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 <> Teacher Matt Thurow, Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN. has returned the call to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC

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!