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He will overcome our guilty deeds.
You will throw all their sins into the
depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18

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.

COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Hymn 129 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

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.

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.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

WE PRAISE OUR LORD

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 73:23-28

P: Nevertheless I am continually with You;

C: You hold me by my right hand.

P: You will guide me with Your counsel,

C: And afterward receive me to glory.

P: Whom have I in heaven but You?

C: And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

P: My flesh and my heart fail;

C: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

P: For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;

C: You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

P: But it is good for me to draw near to God;

C: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

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.

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:

"Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

P: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

EPISTLE READING ACTS 19:1-7

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples **2** he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." **3** And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." **4** Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." **5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. **7** Now the men were about twelve in all.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING MARK 6:20-29

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

For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. **21** Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. **22** And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." **23** He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." **24** So

she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" **25** Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." **26** And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. **27** Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, **28** brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. **29** When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Congregational Response: ♪ 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 779 *WS (Tan Hymnal)*
Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

SERMON MICAH 7:14-20

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock that is your inheritance, the flock which dwells by itself in a forest, in the middle of fertile pastureland. Let them graze in Bashan and Gilead as in days of old.

15 As I did in the days you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you wonderful miracles.

16 The nations will see and be ashamed of their lack of strength. They will place their hand over their mouth. Their ears will be deaf. **17** They will lick up dust like a snake, like the things that creep on the earth. They will come from their hiding places, shaking with fear. They will come trembling to the LORD our God, and they will be afraid in your presence. **18** Who is a God like you, who forgives guilt, and who passes over the rebellion of the survivors from his inheritance? He does not hold onto his anger forever. He delights in showing mercy. **19** He will have compassion on us again. He will overcome our guilty deeds. You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea. **20** You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

A Prayer for Restoration

1. The Restoration of God's Supremacy
2. The Restoration of God's People

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 22

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.

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

Special Music Ensemble
'This Little Babe So Few Days Old' (Sunday)

PRAYERS

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

P: Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

♪ Amen. O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our Practice of Close Communion: *We believe that God desires unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Immanuel and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. For more information, pick up the tract from the narthex titled "Why Close Communion."*

Communion Hymn 621 LSB
Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand

2. King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

4. At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

NUNC DIMITTIS *Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32)*

♪ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 644 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 12/26: 48

Sunday Worship 12/27: In Person 94 ; Views 139

Note: the number of views listed is as of 1/1/2021; "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 (Weekend & 24th & 25 th reported)	CashApp (Weekend & 24th & 25 th reported)
Current Expenses <i>Weekly Need</i> \$77,239	\$10,800	\$421
Land Purchase Fund	\$30	
MPF Floor Replacement	\$20	
Bequest to be Designated	\$150	
Interactive Display Fund	\$10	
Advent Offerings	\$120	
Student Aid	\$465	
Foundation	\$15	
Benevolent	\$20	
Christmas Eve	\$1,901	\$70
Christmas Day	\$2,995	\$220
Preschool Fund	\$120	
Advent Offering	\$25	

CLC		
Missions (CB) <i>Weekly Need \$12,991</i>	\$815	
Memorial for Sonja Olmanson		
Undesignated	\$10	
ILS	\$70	

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 2	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person- Communion Weekend
Sun Jan 3	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	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 Jan 4		Have a great week!
Tues Jan 5	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	5:30p	Expansion and Relocation Committee Meeting- pastors offices
	7:00p	Board of Education & Faculty Meeting
	7:00p	Outreach Committee Meeting- High School Language Room
Wed Jan 6	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	7:00p	Online Bible Study- http://meet.google.com/obb-erjc-eva
Thur Jan 7	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study <i>105 E Walnut St Mankato</i>
	5:45	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	6:00p	Online Confirmation Class
	7:00p	Elders Team Red Meeting
Fri Jan 8		Have a great weekend!
Sat Jan 9	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person,
	7:00p	Family Sunday School Resumes
Sun Jan 10	9:00a	Family Sunday School Resumes
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

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.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the upper school hallway if you were expecting envelopes and don't see any please speak with Douglas Schaller or Leif Olmanson. This year the box also contains 12 mailing envelopes. If you do not need these please remove them and leave them in the church narthex. Thank you!

SYNOD 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.