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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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Rest your hope fully upon the grace
that is to be brought to you at the
revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann DEACON Ross Theneman
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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

Hymn 767 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
Church of God, Elect and Glorious

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.

THE 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 EXODUS 3:1-6

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." **4** So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." **5** Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." **6** Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father-- the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 8 (WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT PG 27)

SECOND LESSON LUKE 7:1-10

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. **2** And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. **3** So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. **4** And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, **5** "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." **6** Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. **7** "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **9** When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" **10** And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

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!

CONFESSON 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 652 TLH (Red Hymnal)
I Lay My Sins of Jesus

SERMON 1 PETER 1:10-21

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which angels desire to look into. **13** Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; **15** but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." **17** And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; **18** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **20** He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you **21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Christian Hope is Alive

1. It is Born of the Spirit and the Word
2. It Renews the Mind and the Body
3. It Rests on the Person and the Work of Jesus

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

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 334 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Let Me Be Thine Forever

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

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen.

Hymn 783 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 1/16: **41**

Saturday Family Sunday School: **17**

Sunday Worship 1/17: **In Person 117; Views 180**

Sunday Family Sunday School: **20**

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: **17**

Primrose Bible Study 1/22: **9**

Note: the number of views listed is as of 1/22/2021; "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	CashApp
Current Expenses <i>Weekly Need \$13,461.54</i>	\$8,712	\$835
Student Aid	\$465	
Land Purchase Fund	\$30	\$100
ILS Foundation	\$15	
Benevolent	\$20	
Interactive Display Fund	\$35	
MPF Floor Replacement Fund	\$166.70	
New Years Day	\$10	
To Be Designated	\$150	
CLC		
CB Missions	\$589	\$15
MDF Missions	\$50	
Memorial for Desirae Naumann		
Undesignated	\$25	
ILC Student Aid	\$20	

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 23 10:00a Church Music Practice
 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
 7:00p Family Sunday School
 Sun Jan 24 9:00a Family Sunday School
 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 Jan 25		Have a great week!
	7:00p	Recessed Annual Voters Meeting
Tues Jan 26	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
Wed Jan 27	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	7:00p	Fellowship 'Round Table Discussion'
Thur Jan 28	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
	6:00p	Elders Team Red Meeting
Fri Jan 29	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study <i>1360 Adams St Mankato</i>
		Have a great weekend!
Sat Jan 30	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person,
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Jan 31	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEAR IMMANUEL BASKETBALL FANS With the recent COVID-19 restrictions for high school sports, we regret that fans will only be allowed into the gym to watch if they are part of a player's ability to invite two fans. Please watch for a live stream link to view the games from home. Thank you for your continued support of our basketball program.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING In membership matters, Orrin Gessner, Ross Libby, and Evan Matzke was accepted into voting membership. Joel and Anika Enter with confirmed son Elijah and baptized children Mary, Benjamin, Esther, Rebekah, and Christian were accepted into communicant membership by confession of faith. Amanda (Geiger) Moe was released per her request. The following were released as we have been unable to continue admonition /encouragement, or because we have no contact information for them anymore: Nikki Dallmann, Courtney Berghorst, Cory Bergman, Dawn Brandt, Nathan Brandt, Erinn Breeggemann, Clinton Broviak, Katelyn Broviak, Jeri (Fraze) Faczak, Ron Guentzel, Ben Hagen, Zach Hanel,

Rhonda Hilburn, Ben Leiding, Michael Leiding, Matthew Lentz, Nathan Lentz, Jenna Scott, and Kevin Timm. Kyle and Kim Ochsner, with children Ian, Norah, Kate, Calvin, Jonah per their request. Sherm and Kacie Carstensen with children Sam, Leena, Jake, Maddie per their request. Sherm's removal from membership also ended his call as a high school teacher.

In elections, Zach Lien was elected Congregational President. Alan Olmanson was elected Congregational Secretary. Daniel Pfeiffer and Jay Hanel were elected as delegates to the CLC, with Doug Schaller and Paul Bade elected alternates. Tom Lentz, Lee Becker, and Mark Geiger were elected as the auditing committee.

The Financial Secretary, Doug Schaller, reported on ongoing plans to provide donation opportunities/methods to the youth of the congregation. ~\$30,000 was giving to student aid in 2020.

The meeting was recessed to January 25, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

TEACHER RESIGNATION Last Monday at our congregational Voters' Meeting, Mr. Sherman Carstensen asked for a release of membership from Immanuel due to a difference in beliefs with respect to church fellowship doctrine and practice. The voters of the congregation granted his request. Here is his letter:

Dear Members of Immanuel:

After many studies with pastors, faculty, family, and friends, Kacie and I have come to the conviction that we do not believe the CLC teachings and application on fellowship. And for this reason we are asking that our family be released from membership at Immanuel. I want to apologize for the timing of this decision but we are convinced by God's Word that this is the next step that needs to be taken.

We would like to thank the pastors and faculty for all the time spent with us on this topic, for their patience, and for their prayers. We would also like to thank the congregation for the opportunity to serve here at Immanuel. It has been a great blessing to us and our family. We pray the Spirit guide us all in our earthly walk toward heaven.

*Sincerely,
Sherman and Kacie Carstensen*

SCHOOL PLANS We are planning a congregational discussion about questions and concerns about the doctrine and teachings that have been raised on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00pm. If you cannot make it to this meeting, as always, the pastors would very much like to sit down and discuss more with you.

As a result of Mr. Carstensen's request for release, he has resigned his call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran School. We covered his classes with substitute teachers last week. The Board of Education and Board of Deacons have met to discuss how to move forward for the remainder of this school year. All parties have agreed that Pastor Naumann will teach the religion classes and focus more on the school. Pastor Radichel will cover more of the church work to cover for Pastor Naumann. The Faculty, Board of Education, and Board of Deacons will be meeting to look at the calls needed at our school for recommendations to the voters. Please keep these meetings and discussions in your prayers. May God continue to bless and strengthen us together through His Word.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding impacts to the operation of the school please feel free to contact Principal Brandan Heinze at 507-345-3027 school, 507-404-0782 cell, or brandan.heinze@immanuelmankato.org or Pastor Naumann.

We will all miss the Carstensen family and truly thank them for their work among us here at Immanuel. As in all situations we turn to God and His Word for guidance and strength. For we can confidently say as Paul wrote to the Philippians, 'I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:12-13

FELLOWSHIP 'ROUND TABLE' There have been a lot of discussions and questions that have arisen in recent days regarding Immanuel and the CLC Synod's position in terms of fellowship. This has prompted the desire for a 'Round Table Discussion' that we hope many will attend. This will be a casual setting in the church basement to discuss questions, provide insight to one another, and gain an understanding of what and why Immanuel believes what it does. If you have questions, concerns, or comments on this topic please come! This will take place **on Wednesday the 27th at 7:00pm**. Please come with your questions, Bible passages, concerns, and comments on

this topic! Online options will be available through our church calendar and Immanuel email reminders.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLC CALLS Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY <> Mrs. Megan Goodwin, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. has resigned her call as lower grade school teacher

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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!