

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

507-345-3027 <u>www.lmmanuelMankato.org</u> Pastor Joe Naumann 920-266-5386 Pastor Neal Radichel 920-268-8002

SEPTUAGESIMA

January 30-31, 2021 Vol. 84, No.6

He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the one who sent Him is true and no unrighteousness is in Him.

John 7:18

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel DEACON Brent Schreyer ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer SCREEN Joe Furst (Sat.) Russ Schmitt (Sun.)

NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

The governor's mask order is still in effect for all indoor spaces, including churches. Masks are available in the entry if you forget yours (face shields are acceptable for health exceptions).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn 292 vs 1-4 TLH (Red Hymnal) Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

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: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING DANIEL 5:17-30

"Pride goes before a fall." Daniel interprets God's words to Belshazzar, which was a message of judgment because of His pride and idolatry. These words also serve as a warning for us today. What do we place our trust in? Do we abuse the gifts which He intends for His glory and our edification? Do we spur His calls to repentance? LORD, open our hearts to hear Your words of truth and lead us to repentance!

Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 "O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. 19 "And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. 20 "But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. 21 "Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

22 "But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. 23 "And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified. 24 "Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written. 25 "And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26 "This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27 "TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28 "PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." 29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. **30** That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 119:1-8

There is great blessing in hearing and keeping God's Word. Notice the verbs in this section: walk, keep, seek, do, walk, keep, keep, look into, learn, and keep. These verbs point to the Christians use of God's Word of truth (found in the nouns: the way, the law, His testimonies, His ways, Your precepts, Your statutes, commandments, righteous judgments, statues). This highlights the importance of God's Word and how He intends for it to be used.

P: ALEPH. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!

C: Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

P: They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

C: You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.

P: Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!

C: Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.

P: I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.

C: I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

EPISTLE READING 2 PETER 1:3-11

The Christian is redeemed to live a life that is very different from the "worldling." It is different because of the power of God that is at work in us. It is different because of the promises that God has made to us in the future and which we can be certain God will give us. So we are to live lives of diligence, virtue, knowledge, self-control, love, etc. Thanks be to God for His power which is at work in us through Christ.

...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours

and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. **10** Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; **11** for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♪ 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 422 TLH (Red Hymnal) Savior, I Follow On

SERMON JOHN 7:14-24

Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" 16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God

or whether I speak on My own authority. 18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. 19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" 20 The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" 21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. 22 "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. 23 "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? 24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

What one Speaks reveals What one Seeks

- 1. The plot of man was in stones
- 2. The will of God was in the cross

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Hymn 292 vs 5-9 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide
Vs 5: All Vs 6: Men Vs 7: Women Vs 8: Acapella Vs 9: All

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

Hymn 424 TLH My God, My Father, Make Me Strong (Lyrics-Red Hymnal Arranged by Aaron Gullerud & Neal Radichel)

Offering Hymn 284 vs 1,5,6 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Father of Mercies, in Thy Word

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS & COUNCIL

Board of Deacons	Board of Property	Board of Education	Board of Finance
Brent Schreyer Chair	Jay Hanel Chair	Mac Friedrichs Chair	Dennis Heinze Chair
Ross Theneman	Kyle Hulke	Peter Busse	Scott Kruse
Ty Hanel	Fred Friedrichs	Bennett Olmanson	Jason Dick
Tim Williams	Ben Busse	Zach Lien	
Darren Durst	Travis Friedrichs	Russ Schmitt	
Ted Schreyer	Luke Olmanson	Paul Bade	

BENEDICTION A Good Word or Blessing.

Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn 179 TLH (Red Hymnal) On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

Hymns and liturgical settings under copyright are used by permission through Concordia Publishing House License #000013595 or OneLicense.net #A-710933. All Rights reserved. Used by permission. Unless otherwise indicated, Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version® of the Holy Bible, ©1982 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 1/23: 21

Sunday Worship 1/24: In Person 92; Views 182

Sunday Family Sunday School: 26

Note: the number of views listed is as of 1/29/2021; "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 Weekly Need \$13,461.54	\$4,896.50	\$656
Land Purchase Fund	\$20	\$100
ILS Foundation	\$115	
Benevolent Fund	\$20	
Interactive Display Fund	\$112.57	
MPF Floor Replacement Fund	\$50.50	
CLC		
CB Missions	\$581	
Kinship	\$50	
Memorial for Jacob Busse		
Undesignated	\$45	
Memorial for Sonja Olmanson		
Undesignated	\$20	
Memorial for Gerhardt Mueller		
ILC Student Aid	\$15	

THIS WEEK

10:00a Church Music Practice

Jacouriou	10.000	Charen Masie Fractice
	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Jan 31	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.lmmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording
		afterwards at <u>www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/</u>
Mon Feb 1		Have a great week!
Tues Feb 2	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	5:30p	ERC Meeting
	7:00p	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed Feb 3	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	7:00p	Fellowship Study/Discussion
Thur Feb 4	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study 105 E Walnut St Mankato
	5:45	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	Online Confirmation Class
	6:00p	Elders Team Red Meeting
Fri Feb 5	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato
		Have a great weekend!
	5-6:p	Communion Packet Pick Up

Sat Jan 30

Sat Feb 6 10:00a Church Music Practice

Sun Feb 7

11-12p Communion Packet Pick Up

6:00p WORSHIP In-Person, Communion Weekend

7:00p Family Sunday School 9:00a Family Sunday School

9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream, Communion Weekend

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS UPDATE Last school year we started the process of replacing our aging Smartboards with interactive displays. To date we have purchased all but two of the replacement displays. Our current balance in the fund sits at \$1576.13. The remaining two displays have a total estimated cost of \$5000. So we are about \$3400 from having this project complete. If you would like to help support this project please make a contribution to the Interactive Display Fund. Thanks for your support, Mr. Brandan Heinze

THANK YOU A special thank you to all who have and continue to pray for our family, and to those who have written cards and provided meal since our homecoming! God has blessed our family with these two sweet boys; and prayers of safekeeping have been answered along our journey. We are excited for you all to meet them in the future!

Blessings, Kenny & Rachel Hauschild

SUMMARY FROM RECESSED VOTERS MEETING The

Treasurer's Report showed we received General Fund plate offerings of \$664,759 versus a budgeted amount of \$699,320 (95.06%). There was total income of \$902,698 (including a \$25,342 reserve fund transfer), a year starting deficit of \$44,252, and expenses of \$858,446 for an ending balance of 0. Our CLC Cooperative Budget estimate for the CLC 2019-2020 fiscal year (July-June) was \$56,500 and we had donations of \$56,868.42. Our Gym Floor loan balance is \$42,013. We had memorial donations of \$43,954.

The 2021 budget has a \$70/month raise for called workers and 2% raise for other workers starting July 1st. There is an increase in tuition income, the Board of Education will bring a proposal on tuition changes with the goal to reduce the jump in tuition between grade school and high school. The budget looks for \$691,074 in donations (a 3.96 increase over 2020 actual donations). And seeks \$908,085 in total income. Expenses are budgeted at \$908,085. Our CLC CBP (aka Missions) estimate for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 was set at \$52,000.

The Board of Education reported that Amy Durst, Hilary Lien, Russ Schmitt, and Pastor Naumann will be teaching (or covering for other teachers so they can teach) the classes that had been taught by Sherman Carstensen. Since there are now two open positions in the high school, the Board will be re-evaluating before beginning the calling process.

The meeting was adjourned.
Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLC CALLS Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY <> Neil Bernthal has returned the call extended to him to be principal and upper grade teacher by Faith, Markesan, WI. They have now called Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ<> Mrs. Jennifer (Dan) Roehl, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program

ILC DORM SUPERVISORS After serving faithfully as dorm supervisors, both Gus Falkenberg and Beth Sandeen will be resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the LORD and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2021-22 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck

(<u>dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231</u>) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at <u>ilc.edu</u> > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins March 8.

DEVOTIONS & RESOURCES

Immanuel Mankato's Twin Steeples Podcast https://twinsteeples.podbean.com
Pastors Neal Radichel and Joe Naumann regularly publish audio devotions for your listening edification.

Messiah, Eau Claire Facebook Page www.facebook.com/EauClaireMessiah
Featuring news, events, and regular devotional posts by Pastor Schaller

Daily Bible readings from the Messiah bulletin back page www.tinyurl.com/m-current-bulletin

Daily readings that match our church services, with a brief introduction for each by Prof. Paul Koch.

Redeemer Compilation http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries/

This email subscription will provide you with free short devotions in your email inbox daily. These devotions are written by a staff of CLC pastors and compiled by David Schaller.

Burden & Blessing https://burdenblessing.podbean.com/

These podcasts cover a variety of topics, current events, and scriptural themes. This effort of CLC pastors will help you grow in your knowledge of God and the world from solid Biblical foundation.

The Witness http://www.clcwitness.org/

The Witness is an email newsletter for young Christians, especially those faced with the daily trials of life on a college campus or in other secular settings. As Christians who believe every word of Scripture is inspired by God, our views are often dismissed in favor of more contemporary, humanist thinking. It's very easy to feel alone in our faith. The Witness seeks to fill that void by connecting like-minded Christians through social media.

Immanuel Lutheran College (ILC) Chapels

Audio recordings of ILC Chapels are regularly uploaded to the ILC website at http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/. These 10-minute sermons are an excellent source for morning devotions. These chapels can also now be listened to via podcast through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone.

Lutheran Spokesman http://lutheranspokesman.org/

The Spokesman was first started in 1958 and is a monthly publication of the CLC covering a variety of studies, answering questions, and providing detailed stateside news as well as foreign mission updates. If you subscribe, it will be mailed directly to your home. You can also read specific articles online. The website is a helpful way to search for specific subjects or articles that you may want to learn more about.

Ministry by Mail http://ministrybymail.clclutheran.org/

Ministry by Mail is a weekly publication of the Church of the Lutheran Confession which offers the Gospel of Christ through printed sermons. The weekly sermons and an archive of sermons may also be accessed online at: www.lutheransermons.org and on Facebook. To receive the weekly sermons via email-contact the editor.

Sermons of Martin Luther www.lutherantacoma.com/luthersermons

A series of mp3 podcasts of the sermons of Dr. Martin Luther, read by Prof. Paul Naumann. Each sermon is a separate podcast, and they come from Lenker's eight-volume edition, which is in the public domain.

Inspirational Music "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." - Dr. Martin Luther.

Selections are endless, but if you would like a place to start try the 1-hour collection of instrumental piano hymns found here: https://youtu.be/nnk1HTsmJk0

Also - see the collection of favorite hymns from *The Lutheran Hymnal* as sung by the "Lutheran Quartet" here: www.tinyurl.com/lutheran-q On-screen lyrics makes it easy to sing along!