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“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” John 6:51

SERVING US THIS WEEK

SEMINARIAN Drew Naumann DEACON Tim Williams
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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

Hymn 398 *LSB*
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

WE PRAISE OUR LORD

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 7:1-4

P: My people, hear my teaching;

C: Listen to the words of my mouth.

P: I will open my mouth with a parable;

C: I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

P: Things we have heard and known,

C: Things our ancestors have told us.

P: We will not hide them from their descendants;

C: We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,

P: His power,

C: and the wonders he has done!

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.

All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity, for planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free, on whom our trust is founded, our house built on a rock, our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock, dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again, join saints and angels singing, "Amen, Amen, Amen!" *tune: LSB 820*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST LESSON DEUTERONOMY 8:1-6

"Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. **2** And you shall remember that

the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. **3** So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. **4** Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. **5** You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you. **6** Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

Congregational Praise: ♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 10:8-18

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

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11** For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **13** For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” **14** How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who [a]preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” **16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” **17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **18** But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: “Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.”

Congregational Response: ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

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 277 TLH (Red Hymnal)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

SERMON JOHN 6:36-51

But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. **37** All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. **38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. **39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. **40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” **42** They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” **43** Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. **44** No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. **45** It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— **46** not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. **47** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. **48** I am the bread of life. **49** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50** This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. **51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Jesus is the Bread of Life

- 1. Only believers can receive it**
- 2. Only God can give it**
- 3. Only It guarantees eternal life**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 12

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.**

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

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 Prayers & LORD's PRAYER

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 48 TLH (Red Hymnal) How Blest are They Who Hear God's Word

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

New Year's Eve Worship 12/31: **87**

New Year's Day Worship 1/01: **47**

Saturday Worship 1/02: **65**

Sunday Worship 1/03: **In Person 94 ; Views**

.Note: the number of views listed is as of 1/8/2021; "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 & 31st & 1st reported)	CashApp (Weekend & 31st & 1 st reported)
Current Expenses <i>Weekly Need \$13,461.54</i>	\$12,684.50	\$770
Land Purchase Fund	\$40	
ILS Undesignated	\$50	
MPF Bleacher Fund	\$1,200	
Interactive Display Fund	\$35	
Advent Offerings	\$15	
Student Aid Foundation	\$40	\$15
Benevolent		\$40
New Year's Eve	\$11,647.93	\$3,150
New Year's Day	\$2,180	\$125.00
Preschool Fund	\$50	
Christmas Eve	\$25	
Christmas Day	\$580	
CLC		
Missions (CB)	\$205	\$400
Missions (MDF)	\$50	
Memorial for Robert Heinze		
Undesignated	\$15	
Memorial for Jacob Busse		
Undesignated	\$215	

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 9	6:00p	WORSHIP , In-Person
Sun Jan 10	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	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/
	11:00a	Church 'Undecorating'
Tues Jan 12	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	6:30p	Deacons Meeting- basement conference room
	7:00p	Board of Education- high school language room
	7:00p	Property Board- church basement
	7:30p	Finance Meeting- pastors' offices
	8:00p	Council Meeting- church basement
Wed Jan 13	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	7:00p	Online Bible Study- http://meet.google.com/obb-eric-eva
Thur Jan 14	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
Fri Jan 15	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study <i>1360 Adams St Mankato</i> Have a great weekend!
Sat Jan 16	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person,
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Jan 17	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
	11:00a	3 rd Sunday Communion- pastors' offices

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!

DRAFT OF ANNUAL REPORT has been emailed out to the congregation in preparation for the Annual Voters' Meeting on January 18th at 7pm. Hard copies of this draft have been placed in the narthex so you can start reading reports ahead of time. It's a lot of work getting all the reports done and together so thank you for your patience!

CLC CALLS Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI, has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI, has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> 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.