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# FIRST SUNDAY IN THE LENTEN SEASON

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The Lord redeems the soul of His  
servants, and none of those who trust in  
Him shall be condemned.

*Isaiah 34:20*

## SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel DEACON Darren Durst  
ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish 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 entryway if you forget yours. Wearing a face shield is also acceptable.

# CHANTING ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn 279 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

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

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Pastor (P): In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of Holy Spirit.  
Congregation (C): Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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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.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

P: ♪The Lord be with you

C: ♪And with your spirit.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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P: ♪Glory be to God on high

C: ♪And on earth peace, good will toward men.

P: ♪We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

P: ♪O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪God the Father Almighty.

P: ♪ O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
C: ♪ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

P: ♪ Who takes away the sin of the world,  
C: ♪ Have mercy upon us.

P: ♪ You who takes away the sin of the world,  
C: ♪ Receive our prayer.

P: ♪ You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,  
C: ♪ Have mercy upon us.

P: ♪ For You only are holy;  
C: ♪ You only are the Lord.

P: ♪ You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
C: ♪ Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 3:22-25

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*Lent is a season of repentance. The LORD desires the salvation of sinners and has paid the shameful debt of our sin through the life and death of Jesus. But the forgiveness won by Christ is forfeited through impenitence and unbelief. In sincere love and concern for sinners the LORD calls us to repentance and assures us of salvation.*

"Return, you backsliding children, And I will heal your backslidings."  
"Indeed we do come to You, For You are the LORD our God. **23** Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, And from the multitude of mountains; Truly, in the LORD our God Is the salvation of Israel. **24** For shame has devoured The labor of our fathers from our youth-- Their flocks and their herds, Their sons and their daughters. **25** We lie down in our shame, And our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, We and our fathers, From our youth even to this day, And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 11:20-30

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*The Bible is full of examples of people "falling away" from the salvation won by God. The people of the cities of Jesus' day had been called to repentance but had refused God's grace. Jesus says that those cities were worse than the Old Testament cities of Sodom and Gomorrah which were destroyed by God because of their wickedness.*

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

Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: **21** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. **22** "But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. **23** "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. **24** "But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

**25** At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. **26** "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. **27** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. **28** "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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

## CONFESSON OF FAITH THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ARTICLE & WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day 456 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

SERMON PSALM 34:11-22

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Invitation

**11** Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Question

**12** Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good?

Instruction

**13** Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.

**14** Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Salvation

**15** The eyes of the **LORD** are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. **16** The face of the **LORD** is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. **17** The righteous cry out, and the **LORD** hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. **18** The **LORD** is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. **19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the **LORD** delivers him out of them all. **20** He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

Redemption

**21** Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. **22** The **LORD** redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

# Searching for the 'good life'?

1. Learn the fear of the Lord
2. Love the Lord's focus, on you

*Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel*

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## 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.*

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♪ 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.

Sermon Hymn 325 vs 1-5 TLH (Red Hymnal)

○ Thou that Hear'st when Sinners Cry

## 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 Meditation "Come to Me" N.Radichel

Are you weary? Are you tired?  
Are you worried about tomorrow's problems?  
Are you sad? Are you gloomy?  
Are you wondering if I'm watching over you?  
Come to Me... I am gently and lowly.  
Come to Me... And I will give you rest.

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry, Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry, Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Come to Me... I am gently and lowly.  
Come to Me... And I will give you rest.

### Hymn 151 vs 1,7 TLH (Red Hymnal) Christ, the Life of All the Living

1. Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,  
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit, I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee!
2. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high!

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen!

Closing Hymn 325 vs 6 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
O Thou that Hear'st when Sinners Cry

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## LAST WEEK

### Gatherings

Saturday Worship 2/13: 44

Sunday Worship 2/14: In Person 77 ; Views 156

Saturday Family Sunday School: 11

Sunday Family Sunday School: 19

Ash Wednesday Service: In Person 113 ; Views 182

Primrose Bible Study: 7

Note: the number of views listed is as of 2/19/2021; "views" does not represent the number of viewers, but rather only the number of computers/devices that accessed it.

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Budgetary** (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)

**\$7,842.62** Current Expenses General Budget

#### **Non-Budgetary**

**\$ 665** ILS Student Aid

**\$ 60** Land Purchase Fund

**\$ 60** Benevolent Fund

**\$8,000** New Equipment Fund

**\$3,525** Interactive Display Fund

**\$62.63** MPF Floor Replacement Fund

**\$80** Lent Offerings

**\$33** MPF Free Will Offering

#### Memorials:

*In Memory of Sonja Olmanson*

**\$ 105** Undesignated

**\$ 150** General Fund

**\$ 20** Mission Development-(MDF)

#### CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

**\$742** CLC General Budget (CBP)

**\$ 75** Mission Development-(MDF)



# THIS WEEK

Sat Feb 20	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	<b>WORSHIP</b> , In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Feb 21	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	<b>WORSHIP</b> , In-Person or Live Stream. Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website <a href="http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org">www.ImmanuelMankato.org</a> OR find and watch the recording afterwards at <a href="http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/">www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/</a>
	11:00a	Special Voters Meeting
Mon Feb 22		God bless your week!
Tues Feb 23	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
Wed Feb 24	12:45p	Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	6:00p	Lenten Worship
Thur Feb 25	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study <i>105 E Walnut St Mankato</i>
	5:00p	In Person Confirmation Class
	5:45p	Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, <i>Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	6:00p	Online Confirmation Class
Fri Feb 26	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study <i>1360 Adams St Mankato</i>
		God bless your worship this weekend!
Sat Feb 27	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	<b>WORSHIP</b> In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Feb 28	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	<b>WORSHIP</b> In-Person or Live Stream
		Food Shelf Sunday

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** This Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> after service.

Agenda items include:

*Membership Matters*

*Faculty Call(s)*

*Air Conditioning Replacement for High School*

*Check Valve Replacement*

*Memorial List addition (dishwasher)*

*School Discretionary Fund use for special projects*

*Approval for Board of Ed to make 1-year & part time calls*

*Live Stream Upgrade*

**MISSING BANNER** The purple 'On My Heart Imprint Thine Image' balcony banner is missing. If you see it, or know where it is, please contact Viv Hanel or Lane Fischer.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Our Immanuel High School Seniors are hosting another blood drive at Immanuel on March 12 from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life this holiday season! Thank you for your support! Aubree Kranz, Amber Casto, Grace Busch, Danielle Durst

**CAL TOURNAMENT** We will be hosting the CAL Basketball Tournament on March 4, 5, and 6. **Due to the limited number of spectators allowed in person to watch our teams play, admission to the games will be by invitation only.** This will be done through our athletic director, Marie Casto. We will have live stream viewing available for all tournament games. You may view the tournament games online at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChzEORN1IEEn6CzKLqN8g60g>

Food donations are not needed this year as there will be no concessions sold at the tournament.

Tournament information (general information, schedules, and brackets can be found on our school website or the following link: <https://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/cal/>

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRIST EXPLORERS CAMP AUG. 12-15** Holy Trinity of West Columbia, SC is excited to announce that we will be conducting Christ's Explorers Camp for students entering grades 3-9. The camp will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN, from August 12-15. The camp's theme this year will be "Fix your eyes on Christ." We have 6 (3 male, 3 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, April 4. The camp will cost \$75, and this will include all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1. Please feel free to contact Sara Kloke at [runsforfun@aol.com](mailto:runsforfun@aol.com) or Karen Howell [kdhowell32@gmail.com](mailto:kdhowell32@gmail.com) for more information. Or check out our website- [www.ChristExplorersCamp.com](http://www.ChristExplorersCamp.com).

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

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to [Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org) or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

## 2021 Midweek Lenten Series

Pride

Fear

Complacency

Confused

Company

Denial



*“Walking  
with Peter”*

*February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ March 24<sup>th</sup>*

	FEB 17 <sup>th</sup>	FEB 24 <sup>th</sup>	MAR 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MAR 10 <sup>th</sup>	MAR 17 <sup>th</sup>	MAR 24 <sup>th</sup>
Sleepy Eye 6:30pm	Home Pastor	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Dummann	Pastor Naumann	Pastor Mayhew	Home Pastor
Mankato 6:00pm	Home Pastor	Pastor Mayhew	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Dummann	Pastor Naumann	Home Pastor
Eagle Lake 7:15pm	Home Pastor	Pastor Mayhew	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Dummann	Pastor Naumann	Home Pastor