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I am the Lord, that is My name; And My  
glory I will not give to another, Nor My  
praise to carved images.

*Isaiah 42:8*

## SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann DEACON Tim Williams

ORGANIST Vivian Hanel SCREEN Joe Furst (Sat.) Austin Lien (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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Hymn 27 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)  
Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

**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 the 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 40:6-10

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P: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened.

C: Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

P: Then I said, "Behold, I come;

C: In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

P: I delight to do Your will, O my God,

C: And Your law is within my heart."

P: I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly;

C: Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.

P: I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

C: I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.

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!'

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

# OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

## GOSPEL READING JOHN 11:47-57

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Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. **48** "If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation." **49** And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, **50** "nor do you consider that it is expedient for us<sup>1</sup> that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." **51** Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, **52** and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. **53** Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death. **54** Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples. **55** And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. **56** Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think-- that He will not come to the feast?" **57** Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## EPISTLE READING HEBREWS 10:1-14

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

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. **2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once

purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. **3** But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. **4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. **5** Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. **6** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. **7** Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God.'" **8** Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), **9** then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. **10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **11** And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **12** But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, **13** from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. **14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

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

### CONFESSIO OF FAITH THE APOSTOLIC CREED

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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 360 TLH (Red Hymnal)**  
**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

## SERMON ISAIAH 42:1-8

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"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. **2** He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. **3** A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. **4** He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." **5** Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: **6** "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, **7** To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. **8** I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

## Jesus Is the True Servant of the LORD

1. Whose Mission Is to Bring Forth Justice
2. Whose Guarantee Is the Power of God

*Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann*

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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.

Hymn 498 vs 1-4 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)  
Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations

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*

PRAYERS

# OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

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**P:** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**ALL:** ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 506 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)  
Send Thou, O Lord, to Every Place

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## LAST WEEK

### Gatherings

Midweek Lenten Service 3/3: **98 views; 68**

Saturday Worship 3/6: **64**

Saturday Family Sunday School: **10**

Sunday Worship 3/7: **113 views; 129**

Sunday Family Sunday School: **21**

Primrose 3/12: **6**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH****Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)****\$ 11,486.50** Current Expenses General Budget  
(MDF)**Non-Budgetary****\$ 35** Major Improvement**\$ 1,330** ILS Student Aid**\$ 40** Land Purchase**\$ 15** ILS Foundation**\$ 20** Benevolent**\$ 200** New Equipment Fund**\$ 200** MPF Floor Replacement Fund**\$ 1,792** Lent Offerings**\$ 54** MPF Free Will Offering**Memorials:***In Memory of Burdette Wheaton***\$ 65** Wheaton Scholarship**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION****\$1,105** CLC General Budget (CBP)**\$ 150** Mission Development**\$ 100** CLC Kinship

# THIS WEEK

- Sat Mar 13 10:00a Church Music Practice  
6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person  
7:00p Family Sunday School
- Sun Mar 14 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](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org) OR find and watch the recording afterwards at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)  
God bless your week!
- Mon Mar 15
- Tues Mar 16 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
- Wed Mar 17 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*  
6:00p Lenten Worship
- Thur Mar 18 10:00a Walnut Towers Bible Study *105 E Walnut St Mankato*  
5:00p In Person Confirmation Class  
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7*  
6:00p Online Confirmation Class
- Fri Mar 19 9:00a Primrose Bible Study *1360 Adams St Mankato*  
Have a blessed weekend!
- Sat Mar 20 10:00a Church Music Practice  
6:00p **WORSHIP** In-Person  
7:00p Family Sunday School
- Sun Mar 21 9:00a Family Sunday School  
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*  
10:00a **WORSHIP** In-Person or Live Stream



# IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE EAU CLAIRE TOUR CHOIR** will be presenting the Gospel in song here for a special concert on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm . The Deacons have decided to do an online sign up -- first come first serve up to 200. Just a reminder due to copyright issues, this event cannot be live streamed. The choir will be masked and social distanced up front. We will keep the front 3 pews empty and continue to plan for social distancing and wear masks as well. We hope you can join us for this special event! Here is the sign up link:  
<https://forms.gle/nmkVBpRv9wZ75Y117>

**TOUR CHOIR DONATIONS** Because of COVID restriction, we are unable to provide the tour choir with supper this year. However, the hope is to provide the choir with 'snack boxes' to take along with them on their bus ride home. To make these happen, we are looking for financial donations to purchase the supplies. If you can donate to this project, please drop your donation with Hilary in the church office by **March 17**. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE** Vacation Bible School is being planned to be held July 12-16. Please pray that God will enable us to hold VBS as normally as possible. Keep these dates in mind as you make your summer plans.

**ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED** Altar Flower Volunteers are needed for upcoming services in March and April. Opportunities to volunteer are listed below. To sign up or get additional information, please contact Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257 or [StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org)

Wednesday, March 17

Saturday/Sunday, March 20-21

Wednesday, March 24

Saturday/Sunday, March 27-28

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

**EASTER FLOWERS** The Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, tulips are \$13 each, and lilies are \$9 each. A sign-up sheet and payment box are in the narthex.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS March 22. You may take your plant/plants home after the 10AM Easter Sunday service. Any questions, please contact the church office.

**A CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT** is being planned for Friday, April 16th at 7pm. Pastor Radichel will be doing a series of Scripture lessons, original songs, some congregational songs to sing, and devotional thoughts in the sanctuary (this is in coordination with a Mission Festival he was asked to do at another CLC congregation around the same time). If you are looking for a spiritually relaxing evening come on down. If you are interested in playing music or participating, please let Pastor know soon!

**ASBESTOS UPDATE** Our school has been inspected or has been re-inspected for asbestos materials according to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Response Act. Our school building does have some asbestos containing materials, as do most schools in the country. This material is in good condition and we have an asbestos management plan in place to help maintain it and keep it from becoming a hazard to health. We do regular six-month surveillance of this material to ensure that it is staying in stable condition. By law, we must notify staff and parents each year of the availability of this plan. The plan is available for you to see by contacting either the school secretary or Kyle Hulke.

**ERC: Should Immanuel Relocate?** The Expansion Relocation Committee is re-investigating why certain areas of our current Immanuel campus are problematic. We hope to try to expand on these areas for the congregation in the coming months. Over the years, some of the major concerns the congregation has about our current campus have been:

Parking <> Multiple Level <> Preschool <> Facility Congestion <> **SECURITY**  
<> Storage <> Green Space <> Maintenance & Operational Costs <>  
Location

- **Security**

- Neighborhood Safety has been a concern for many years for both the church and the school. Protests downtown that are not always so peaceful. Crime in the area has continued with shootings, drugs, etc.
  - How can we help affect positive change in the neighborhood and what effort would that take from Immanuel?
- The multiple active entrances make surveillance more challenging and give opportunity for unauthorized entry. This

- makes it also more difficult to secure the facility in the case of a hostile event with all of the ground floor windows.
- o The joined school and church facilities are a blessing, but also brings security issues during special services or school events (more places to get to or hide).
  - o The keys and entrance access have been an area of question for several years.

### Questions to consider:

Are there ways to resolve these concerns with our current property?

Do you think these areas alone justify moving to a different location?

**More questions?** Would you like to meet and discuss more with one or two of us? Please ask one of our **ERC** members: Dave Busse (chair), Mick Rykhus, Russ Schmitt, Jared Miller, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY** Pilgrims Rest Cemetery is planning on doing cleanup day on April 10th. from 9 AM - 1PM. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with raising lot markers, leveling flat stones, raking leaves, and picking up sticks and garbage. We are planning on renting a machine this year to do the bulk of the leaf pickup so we can dedicate more of our efforts to raising lot markers and stones.

Due to social restrictions remaining in place, we are not planning on providing lunch this year. Please bring a snack and drinks with you. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Harris 507-382-3081 or email at [anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com).

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** This year's kindergarten roundup will be a virtual presentation to our incoming kindergarten class. Program includes a virtual presentation from the school principal, classroom teacher, and school nurse. You will receive information on enrollment, tuition, lunch program, kindergarten readiness, and much more! The current kindergarten class will perform a play called *Hattie and the Fox*. Parents of Kindergarten aged children who wish to register for access to this event should visit [jlsk-12.org](http://jlsk-12.org) and complete the Kindergarten Roundup Registration form by clicking the link at the top of the page. For more information, call (507) 345-3027 or email [secretary@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:secretary@immanuelmankato.org)

# SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYOND CALLS** Jessica Krueger has accepted the call by Faith, Markesan, WI to be upper grade teacher. Jessica is a member of Faith who is presently teaching in the public school

**YOUTH CAMP** at Camp Jim in Pillager, MN is currently a "go" for June 13-19, 2021. Because of spacing restrictions in Minnesota, attendance at this point is limited to those entering 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2021. Should restrictions be lifted, the camp directors will be ready to open registration to those entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade as well. Initial registration date for Grades 9-12 will be on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. Central. Because of COVID uncertainties, no registration fee will be due at that time. Watch for a registration reminder and web address in the coming weeks.