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My sheep hear my voice. I know them,
and they follow me.

John 10:27

SERVING US THIS WEEK

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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.

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

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

Pastor (P): We begin this Communion Service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

INTROIT PSALM 122:1-4

P: I was glad when they said to me,

C: 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'

P: Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

C: Jerusalem is built As a city that compact together,

P: Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the Lord,

C: To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

All: Amen!

WE PRAISE OUR LORD

Opening Hymn 547 LSB
The Lamb

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

OLD TESTAMENT READING GENESIS 22:1-19

"The LORD will provide." This was the message God communicated to his servant, Abraham, through this extremely difficult test. Nothing was more important to Abraham, in terms of earthly blessings, than his son, Isaac. Surely Abraham was shocked and confused when the LORD demanded Abraham to sacrifice his only son. Yet in this moment of trial, Abraham relied upon God's promises which ultimately pointed to Jesus. Because God did not spare His Son, Isaac had a substitute. Likewise, this Lenten season reminds us once again that "The LORD will provide" for us.

Congregational Praise ♪: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." **3** So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. **4** Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. **5** And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. **7** But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8** And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. **10** And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." **12** And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." **13** Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, **16** and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son-- **17** "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. **18** "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." **19** So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 22:1-10

This is one of the Messianic psalms meaning that it directly prophesied of the work that Jesus would do. In this case, the Messiah's work is suffering for our sins and laying down His life upon the cross. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David records graphic details of our Savior's passion in these words. What a blessing to see God's grace for sinners so clearly articulated in His Word!

P: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

C: O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.

P: But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

C: Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.

P: They cried to You, and were delivered;

C: They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

P: But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

C: "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

P: But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.

C: I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.

All: Amen!

EPISTLE READING HEBREWS 5:1-10

Jesus' role as priest was an important part of His suffering and payment for sin. In this role, Jesus was unique - resembling the priests of the Old Testament but also set apart from all others. This uniqueness was that Jesus was both the priest and the sacrifice; namely, that He willingly gave Himself as the offering for sin. No other priest, however important, could claim the same status. Because we have a priest like Jesus, we have assurance that sin has been paid for in full.

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

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. **3** Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. **4** And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. **5** So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." **6** As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; **7** who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, **8** though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. **9** And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, **10** called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 341 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Crown Him with Many Crowns

SERMON JOHN 10:24-33

So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. **26** But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. **27** My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."

31 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him. **32** Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" **33** "We are not going to stone you for a good work," the Jews answered, "but for blasphemy, because although you are a man, you make yourself out to be God."

How is your Good Shepherd good for you?

1. He SAYS what is Better for you.
2. He DOES what is Best for you.

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Communion Hymn 755 vs 1-3 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
What is This Bread?

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

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- GENERAL PRAYER- LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS.

CONFESSION

P: Having heard God's Word, let us confess our sins to Him. Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

C: I do confess.

P: Surely, you should confess; for the Word of God declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

**C: ♪ I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able, To satisfy and make me whole: Lord,
may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!**

REPENTANCE

P: Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed, as well as the sin of failing to do what God expects to be done? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

C: I do repent.

P: Surely, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: David, who prayed for a sorrowful heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and many others.

**C: ♪ Weary am I and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously, and gladden, My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!**

FORGIVENESS

P: Do you believe that God, through His undeserved grace and love for us, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all of your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C: I do believe.

P: Surely, you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

C: ♪ What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

P: Do you promise with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you hope to amend your sinful life? Declare it to God in saying: I do promise.

Congregation: I do promise.

OBEDIENCE

P: Surely, this is a good promise, for Christ, our Lord, tells us to: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

C: ♪ Thy body given for me O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

ASSURANCE

P: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, you receive from God this blessed forgiveness and assurance of all your sins? Then joyfully declare it by saying: By the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ, I do believe.

C: By the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ, I do believe.

P: As you believe, even so may it be for you! On this confession of your sins, I announce the grace and peace of God to you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your

sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: ♪ Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise. Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: May this peace of the Lord be with you always!

All: Amen!

Communion Hymn 755 vs 4-5 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
What is This Bread?

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace!

ALL: Amen!

Communion Hymn 755 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
What is This Bread?
Vs. 6-9 by Pastor James Albrecht

6. How shall I live, For Him who fully doth forgive,
My sinful ways? Through all my days,
I'll strive to honor with praise- Until the end, my life amend.

7. What shall I fear, Though dangers threaten and be near?
His promise sure, Makes me secure,
He guides my life from year to year. So faithfully, God is with me.

8. I too shall rise, To join my Savior in the skies;

When trumpets blast, And life is past-
 He will from death awaken me. Eternally, with Him I'll be.
 9. What can I say, To ever thank Him for His grace?
 I'll take my place, Among His saints,
 And join my tongue in word and song.
 Oh, taste and see, Praise God with me!

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Midweek Lenten Service 2/24: 80
 Saturday Worship 2/27: 52
 Sunday Worship 2/28: 107 views; 124
 Saturday Family Sunday School: 19
 Sunday Family Sunday School: 22.
 Primrose 3/5: 7

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)
\$ 7,915.78 Current Expenses General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$ 112 Major Improvement
\$ 190 ILS Student Aid
\$ 50 Land Purchase
\$ 15 ILS Foundation
\$ 85 Benevolent
\$ 152.50 MPF Floor Replacement
\$ 872.01 Lent Offerings
\$ 85 Facility Use

Memorials:

In Memory of Sonja Olmanson
\$ 10 Undesignated

In Memory of Jacob Busse
\$ 10 Undesignated

In Memory of Ken Schmitt
\$ 10 Undesignated

In Memory of Roger Tolzmann
\$ 300 Undesignated
\$ 300 School Undesignated

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$528 CLC General Budget (CBP)
\$ 15 Mission Development (MDF)
\$ 20 ILC Student Aid

THIS WEEK

Sat Mar 6	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	11-12p	Communion Packet Pick Up
	6:00p	WORSHIP , In-Person- Communion Service
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Mar 7	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP , In-Person or Live Stream- Communion Service 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 Mar 8		God bless your week!
	4:00p	Mt Kato Trip
Tues Mar 9	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	6:30p	Deacon Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance Meeting
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed Mar 10	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	6:00p	Lenten Worship
Thur Mar 11	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study <i>105 E Walnut St Mankato</i>
	5:00p	In Person Confirmation Class
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i>
	6:00p	Online Confirmation Class
Fri Mar 12	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study <i>1360 Adams St Mankato</i> Have a blessed weekend!
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: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE We are still in need of volunteers and of donors for the blood drive at Immanuel on March 12 from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life! Please contact Pastor Naumann if you are interested in volunteering to help host. Thank you for your support! Aubree Kranz, Amber Casto, Grace Busch, Danielle Durst

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING Approval was given to spend up to \$8,500 from the New Equipment Fund on the sanctuary video set-up to improve live-streaming and recording capabilities in the sanctuary. Approval was given to spend up to \$15,000 from undesignated reserves to replace the 30 year old high school air conditioning unit. Approval was given to spend up to \$4,000 from the Major Improvement fund to replace the check valve in the MPF with an automatic check valve with an added manual feature to prevent flooding. A School Kitchen Dishwasher was added to the Memorial list. The Board of Education was given authority to approve expenditures of the School Discretionary Fund toward special projects. The Board of Education was authorized to make part-time and one-year calls for the 2021-2022 school year. Eric Libby was called to teach PE, Health and other classes in the High School. Kevin Schrader was called to teach Math and Science in the High School. The meeting was adjourned. Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

The Eau Claire, Immanuel Tour Choir will be presenting the Gospel in song here for a special concert on March 19th at 7pm . The Deacons have decided to to 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>

SYNOD ANNOUCEMENTS

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 9th through 12th grade in the Fall of 2021. Should restrictions be lifted, the camp directors will be ready to open registration to those entering 6th-8th 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.