



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann DEACON Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer (Sat.) Vivan Hanel (Sun.) SCREEN Joe Furst (Sat.)

ALTAR FLOWERS Ladies Auxiliary

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

Entrance Hymn 332 v 1-4 TLH

(sung to tune of TLH 200 Red Hymnal)

Arm These Thy Soldiers, Mighty Lord

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS & 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 pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING DANIEL 3:8-27

Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. **9** They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! **10** "You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears

the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; **11** "and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. **12** "There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up." **13** Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. **14** Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? **15** "Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" **16** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. **17** "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. **18** "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." **19** Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. **20** And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. **21** Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. **22** Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. **23** And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. **24** Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." **25** "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." **26** Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here."

Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. **27** And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 PETER 2:4-7

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." **7** Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

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

C: ♪

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Bethany Rose Landon- Born March 25,2021

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 370 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SERMON MATTHEW 7:24-29

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. **26** "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: **27** "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." **28** And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, **29** for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

A Place to Stand

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

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.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Public Questions and Profession of Faith

- *Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?*
- *Do you renounce the devil?*
- *Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*
- *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?*
- *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*
- *Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the verbally inspired and inerrant Word of God?*
- *Do you believe that the teachings of this Lutheran congregation drawn from the Bible as you have learned to know them from*

Luther's Small Catechism, are true and correct, as the Holy Spirit has led you to know and understand them?

- *Do you desire to become a communicant member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church?*
- *Do you also, as a member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of the truth of the Holy Scripture, and to suffer all rather than fall away from it?*
- *Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the Divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace, both in Word and Sacraments; to walk in accordance with the Gospel of Christ and in faith, word, and deed remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?*

CONFIRMATION BLESSING AND BIBLE VERSE

Rebekah Lea Pauline Busch

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Gretchen Elizabeth Davis

1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

Mary Karen Enter

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Hailee Dawn Hauschild

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Kamryn Rae Kitts

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Jordyn Rae Mariner

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Jordan Teh Meungsaksith

Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Travis Richard Miller

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Andrew Day Olmanson

Psalms 23:1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

Jack Benjamin Stratton

John 15:5 I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Michaela Ann Wheaton

1 Corinthians 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Confirmation Hymn 800 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

V 1 Confirmands V 2-4 Congregation

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'

"In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

FIRST COMMUNION

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.
Amen.

ALL: ♪ Amen!

Closing Hymn 465 (*Tan Hymnal*) Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

- Saturday Worship 4/10: **36**
- Saturday Family Bible School: **11**
- Sunday Worship 4/11: **114; views 48**
- Sunday Family Bible School: **17**
- Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: **15**
- Walnut Towers Bible Study: **7**
- Primrose Bible Study: **7**
- Laurels Edge Bible Study: **3**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)
\$ 10,700.65 Current Expenses General Budget

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$673 CLC General Budget (CBP)

Non-Budgetary

- \$ 60** Major Improvement Fund
- \$ 765** Student Aid ILS
- \$ 90** Land Purchase Fund
- \$ 15** Foundation
- \$ 20** Benevolent
- \$ 71.64** MPF Floor Replacement
- \$ 50** Maundy Thursday Offerings
- \$ 50** Good Friday Offerings
- \$ 225** Easter Offerings
- \$ 3,238** Life Insurance Directed Fund

THIS WEEK

- Sat April 17 10:00a Church Music Practice
- 2:00p Confirmation Practice
- 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
- Sun April 18 9:00a Confirmation Examination
- 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
- 10:00a **WORSHIP**, In-Person or Live Stream- Confirmation Sunday- 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/

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| | 11:00a | 3 rd Sunday Communion |
| Mon April 19 | 7:00p | Quarterly Voters Meeting |
| Tues April 20 | 3-5p | Pastors' Office Hours |
| | 4:30p | Online Scholarship Committee Meeting |
| Wed April 21 | 12:45p | Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i> |
| | 7:00p | Online Bible Study |
| Thur April 22 | 10:00a | Walnut Towers Bible Study <i>105 E Walnut St Mankato</i> |
| | 5:45p | Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7</i> |
| | 6:00p | Online Confirmation Class |
| Fri April 23 | 9:00a | Primrose Bible Study <i>1360 Adams St Mankato</i> |
| | 11:00p | SIC Meeting |
| | | Have a blessed weekend! |
| Sat April 24 | 10:00a | Church Music Practice |
| | 6:00p | WORSHIP In-Person |
| | 7:00p | Family Sunday School |
| Sun April 25 | 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

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.

HISTORY TOUR FLOWER BASKET FUNDRAISER

The sophomore class is selling flower baskets to raise money toward their Washington DC History Tour next fall. Flower baskets are \$20. You may choose from red or pink geraniums; red, yellow, or orange gerbera daisies; or white bacopa. Orders and payments are due on April 23. Baskets will be available for pick up at school sometime between May 4-6. If you would like to order, call the school office at 345-3027 or talk to a sophomore.

PEDAL PAST POVERTY This year, the faculty of Immanuel will be participating in the Pedal Past Poverty event on April 24th. This event involves fundraising to help provide housing for those in need in the Mankato area. The faculty needs to raise a minimum of \$1000, but more is welcome. For more information or to make online donations, please visit: <https://partnersforhousing.salsalabs.org/ppp2021/t/immanuelmankatofaculty> Questions? Contact Beth Greve at: beth.greve@immanuelmankato.org

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS The Elders in coordination with the Deacons have continued to reach out to check in and encourage members with whom we have not had contact with well before covid. We are looking for help from you. Please look over the following list of members. The information we have for them is NOT current. Please, pass along ANY contact information you may have to Pastor Radichel so we can reach out and contact these brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you!

Amundson, Matthew
Anderson, Joel
Anderson, Jordan
Anderson, Michael
Anderson, Michelle
Anderson, Nancy
Anderson, Wm., Sr.
Cole, Lois
Daum, Ashley
Enter, Eric
Herme, Holden
Herme, Steven
Hiniker, Jeffrey
Hiniker, Rita
Hiniker, Terry
Jones, Justin

Koskovich, Chris
Kuang, Sarah
Lanes, Lindsay
Lorentz, Jeremy
Macik, Randy
Melvin, Macinzi
Meyer, Bethany
Pasbrig, Jerome
Pasbrig, Judith
Peralta, Mary
Ratcliff, Tyler
Ruae, Sarah
Schultz, Donald
Schweim, Paul
Weber, Kimberly
Zuhlsdorf, Jesse

FIRE DOORS Over the past few weeks the fire doors between the church and the school have been left propped open overnight. If you open them, please make sure to close and lock the doors when you are done so that they are effective in protecting our church and school. Thank you!

CHURCH FIRE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE This July 4, 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the lightning strike that burned the Immanuel church building in 1971. The Immanuel Board of Deacons has approved the formation of a committee to mark and recognize this momentous event in Immanuel's history. If you would be interested in working on this committee or in participating in any way, please contact Pastor Naumann. Thank you!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYOND CALLS Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI has put in a pastoral call to the CLC call committee on graduates<> Mrs. Beth Sandeen, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor <> Drew Naumann to Trinity, Spokane, WA <> Ben Hanson to St. John's, Okabena, MN <>Kathleen Naumann to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL

MAN UP RETREAT The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! Website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

CLC YOUTH CAMP registration currently is open to those entering 9th through 12th grade this Fall. Registrations for 8th graders will be accepted starting at 4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 11th. We will still be abiding by a lower-than-usual capacity, so it is our recommendation that you register your campers right away when it opens. If we receive any 8th grade registrations prior to 4:00 PM CT on Sunday, they will be voided. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year. Camp is June 13-19 in Pillager, MN. Cost is \$180 per camper. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register> . Please feel free to contact the camp directors with any questions- youthcamp.clc@gmail.com

What Is Confirmation?

What does confirmation mean for us today? There are three essential elements:

First, our children are instructed in the gospel of Christ and the truths of Holy Scripture by studying Luther's *Small Catechism*. They learn the great biblical truths of sin and Christ's salvation from sin. They learn how to live a God-pleasing Christian life in response to God's love. They are prepared to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. But this instruction is merely a complement to the ongoing instruction that should have been taking place all along in the home. It is a complement to what has been taught throughout the children's earlier years in Sunday School and Christian Day School.

Second, our children profess their faith through the promises they make. In many of our churches we still have an examination of the confirmands in a service before confirmation itself. They sit in the front of the church and are questioned by the pastor. Sometimes the confirmands read a confession of faith that they have written. The confirmands then confess their faith before the altar, promising to remain faithful to their faithful Lord.

The third element in confirmation today is that prayers are offered for them by their fellow believers. We pray that the Holy Spirit will keep our young people faithful to their faithful God and Savior till their dying day.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Confirmation should be a very special time for everyone. We pray that God would keep all of us faithful to Him and His Word until that day when we shall sing His praises together in heaven.

– From the *Lutheran Spokesman*