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The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. *2 Timothy 4:18*

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann DEACON Tim Williams ORGANIST Colleen Matzke SCREEN Joe Furst (*Sat.*) Austin Lien (*Sun.*)

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 451 TLH (*Red Hymnal*) Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus

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 AND ABSOLUTION

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: ♪Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

> Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray...
- C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" **8** Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion. **9** Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. **10** The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 96:1-8

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. C: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. C: For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

P: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

C: Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

P: Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

SECOND LESSON MARK 16:14-20

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. **15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. **17** "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." **19** So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. **20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

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!

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 of the Day 346 TLH (*Red Hymnal*) Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be

SERMON 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-18

Be diligent to come to me quickly; **10** for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica – Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. **12** And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. **13** Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come – and the books, especially the parchments. **14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. **15** You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words. **16** At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. **17** But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. **18** And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

John Mark: A Lesson in Evangelism

- 1. The Joy and Privilege of serving in Christ Kingdom
- 2. The Assurance and Confidence of the Lord's Deliverance

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

> Hymn 452 TLH (*Red Hymnal*) The Son of God Goes Forth to War

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION A Good Word or Blessing.

Congregational Response: ♪Amen.

Hymn 209 TLH (*Red Hymnal*) Who Is This that Comes from Edom

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 4/17: Sunday Worship 4/18: **254; views 110** Laurel's Edge Bible Class 4/21: Midweek Online Bible Study 4/21:

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Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)\$ 5,440.68Current Expenses General BudgetNon-Budgetary\$ 35Major Improvement Fund\$ 180Benevolent\$ 152.68MPF Floor Replacement

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$<u>521</u> CLC General Budget (CBP)

- \$<u>100</u> MDF
- \$<u>250</u> Kinship

THIS WEEK

Sat April 24	10:00a 6:00p	Church Music Practice WORSHIP, In-Person
Sun April 25	7:00p	Family Sunday School Family Sunday School Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
Mon April 26		God bless your week!
Tues April 27	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	4:30p	Online Scholarship Committee
	6:30p	Elders Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
Wed April 28		Televised WORSHIP Service, <i>Charter</i> #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
Thur April 29	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study 105 E Walnut St Mankato
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	In- person and Online Confirmation Class
Fri April 30	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato
	11:00p	SIC Meeting
		Have a blessed weekend!
Sat May 1	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	11-12p	Communion Packet Pick Up
	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person- Communion Service
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun May 2	9:00a	Family Sunday School

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.

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?
- o 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.
- oThe 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

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 ANNOUCEMENTS

SYOND CALLS Eric Libby has reconsidered and returned the call from Immanuel, Mankato, MN to the Counselor position <> Soon to be Seminary graduate Drew Naumann, has accepted the call assigned to him by the Call Committee to be pastor of Trinity, Spokane, WA <> Soon to be graduated in the Education Department Kathleen (Katie) Naumann, has accepted the call assigned to her to be the lower grade school teacher at 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.

PROF REIM RETIREMENT VIDEO If you attended Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI) in the past 33 years, you are invited to partake in a commemoration

video for Prof. John Reim. All that is needed is a short video clip of you saying, "Thank you Prof. Reim." If you wish to elaborate more and/or share memories, you are most welcome! Entries may be emailed to ILC student Sam Radermacher: <u>samurade@ilc.edu</u> by May 2.

CHRIST EXPLORER'S CAMP Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp Thursday, August 12 - Sunday, August 15, in Pigeon Forge, TN! Registration is open to students entering grade 3-9 for the 2021-22 school year, registration limited to first 25 boys and 25 girls, and then a waiting list. Camp registration will be starting on Saturday, May 1, at 8am EST. Please contact Sara Kloke for more details. <u>Runsforfun@aol.com</u> or 803-530-4424.

CLC YOUTH CAMP As we have progressed in our planning and the specifics of how camp will be operating this year, along with the number of registrations we have received for grades 8-12, we have this to announce: **CLC** Youth Camp will begin accepting registrations for 7th graders starting at 4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 25th. Along with this, we have made the difficult decision that we will not be accepting 6th graders this year. This will be the last leg of registration for 2021. The registration form will continue to be open for grades 8-12 between now and then. If we receive any 7th 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 due to the added difficulties of the waning pandemic. We hope to have an update on exactly what health information we will need from you by next week. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Here is the link to register:

https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register

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DEVOTIONS & RESOURCES

Immanuel Mankato's Twin Steeples Podcast <u>https://twinsteeples.podbean.com</u> Pastors Neal Radichel and Joe Naumann regularly publish audio devotions for your listening edification.

Messiah, Eau Claire Facebook Page <u>www.facebook.com/EauClaireMessiah</u> Featuring news, events, and regular devotional posts by Pastor Schaller

Daily Bible readings from the Messiah bulletin back page <u>www.tinyurl.com/m-</u> <u>current-bulletin</u>

Daily readings that match our church services, with a brief introduction for each by Prof. Paul Koch.

Redeemer Compilation <u>http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries/</u>

This email subscription will provide you with free short devotions in your email inbox daily. These devotions are written by a staff of CLC pastors and compiled by David Schaller.

Burden & Blessing <u>https://burdenblessing.podbean.com/</u>

These podcasts cover a variety of topics, current events, and scriptural themes. This effort of CLC pastors will help you grow in your knowledge of God and the world from solid Biblical foundation.

The Witness http://www.clcwitness.org/

The Witness is an email newsletter for young Christians, especially those faced with the daily trials of life on a college campus or in other secular settings. As Christians who believe every word of Scripture is inspired by God, our views are often dismissed in favor of more contemporary, humanist thinking. It's very easy to feel alone in our faith. The Witness seeks to fill that void by connecting like-minded Christians through social media.

Immanuel Lutheran College (ILC) Chapels

Audio recordings of ILC Chapels are regularly uploaded to the ILC website at <u>http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/</u>. These 10-minute sermons are an excellent source for morning devotions. These chapels can also now be listened to via podcast through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" and

subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone.

Lutheran Spokesman http://lutheranspokesman.org/

The Spokesman was first started in 1958 and is a monthly publication of the CLC covering a variety of studies, answering questions, and providing detailed stateside news as well as foreign mission updates. If you subscribe, it will be mailed directly to your home. You can also read specific articles online. The website is a helpful way to search for specific subjects or articles that you may want to learn more about.

Ministry by Mail http://ministrybymail.clclutheran.org/

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Sermons of Martin Luther www.lutherantacoma.com/luthersermons

A series of mp3 podcasts of the sermons of Dr. Martin Luther, read by Prof. Paul Naumann. Each sermon is a separate podcast, and they come from Lenker's eight-volume edition, which is in the public domain.

Inspirational Music "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." - Dr. Martin Luther.

Selections are endless, but if you would like a place to start try the 1-hour collection of instrumental piano hymns found here: <u>https://youtu.be/nnk1HTsmJk0</u>

Also - see the collection of favorite hymns from *The Lutheran Hymnal* as sung by the "Lutheran Quartet" here: <u>www.tinyurl.com/lutheran-q</u> On-screen lyrics makes it easy to sing along