

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE EASTER SEASON

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Behold, I am coming quickly!

Hold fast what you have,
that no one may take your crown.

Revelation 3:11

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel DEACON Ty Hanel ORGANIST (Sat.) Grace Schreyer (Sun.) Bonnie Cornish SCREEN Joe Furst (Sat.) Russ Schmitt (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.

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT SETTING 1

Entrance Hymn 388 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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!

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

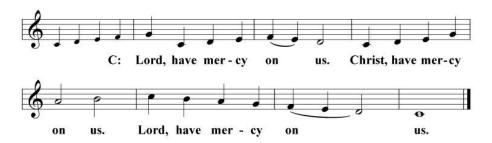
C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. WE have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WE PRAISE OUR LORD

LORD, HAVE MERCY KYRIE PG 2



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST- PG 2-3



P: Let us pray....through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 5:1-7

Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. 2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. 3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. 4 What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? 5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briers and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 80:8-19

P: You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

C: You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

P: You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root,

C: And it filled the land.

P: The hills were covered with its shadow,

C: And the mighty cedars with its boughs.

P: She sent out her boughs to the Sea,

C: And her branches to the River.

P: Why have You broken down her hedges,

C: So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?

P: The boar out of the woods uproots it,

C: And the wild beast of the field devours it.

P: Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts;

C: Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine

P: And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted,

C: And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.

P: It is burned with fire, it is cut down;

C: They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

P: Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,

C: Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

P: Then we will not turn back from You;

C: Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

P: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine,

C: And we shall be saved!

SECOND LESSON JOHN 15:1-11

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 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. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

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



HOLY BAPTISM - AVA MARIE BALDWIN

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED PG 5

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 411 vv1-5 TLH (*Red Hymnal*) From Eternity, O God

SERMON REVELATION 3:7-13 (14-22)

"And to the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": **8** "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. **9** Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie–indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. **10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. **11** Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **12** "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more.

And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, `These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 "Because you say,'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'-- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- 18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'"

Love Letters from our Lord Jesus

1. Persevering Philadelphians

2. Lukewarm Laodiceans

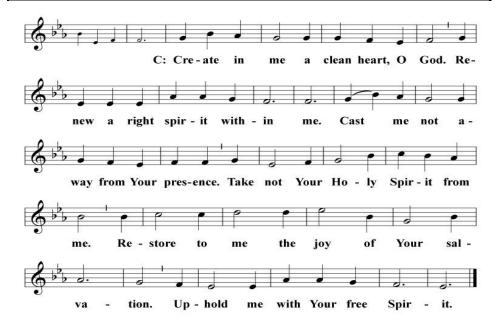
Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Month of May Series: "7 Letters to the Holy Christian Church"						
	May 2	Letters 6-7	Revelation 3:7-22	To the faithful and lukewarm		

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May 9	Letter 1	Revelation 2:1-7	To the loveless
May 16	Letter 4	Revelation 2:18-29	To the corrupt
May 23	Letter 5	Revelation 3:1-6	To the dead
May 30	Letters 2-3	Revelation 2:8-17	To the persecuted and compromising

OFFERTORY WS (TAN HYMNAL) PG 6

In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



OFFERINGS PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT PG 7

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

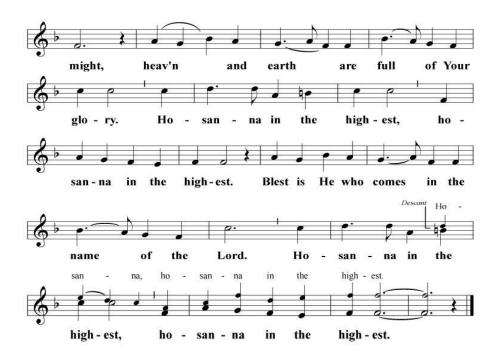
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God... (the appropriate Preface is read)

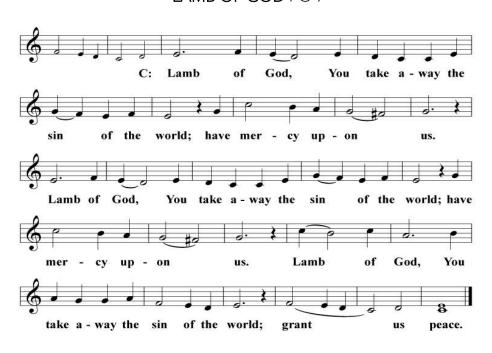
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY PG 8





WORDS OF INSTITUTION PG 8 LAMB OF GOD PG 9



DISTRIBUTION PG 9 THANKSGIVING PG 10



OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION PG 11 A Good Word or Blessing

Closing Hymn 799 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
This is the Feast of Victory

LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 4/24: **39**Saturday Family Sunday School: **7**Sunday Worship 4/25: **127**; **views 141**Sunday Family Sunday School: **13**

Laurel's Edge Bible Class 4/28: 5 Midweek Online Bible Study 4/28: 14 Walnut Towers Bible Study 4/29: 7 Primrose Bible Study 4/30: 6

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week) \$ 540.00 CLC General Budget (CBP) \$ 13,502.64 Current Expenses General Budget \$ 25 MDF Non-Budgetary \$ 55 Major Improvement Fund \$ 885 ILS Student Aid \$30 ILS Foundation \$20 Benevolent \$176.63 MPF Floor Replacement \$53.98 Miscellaneous Purchase Reimbursement

THIS WEEK

Sat May 1	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	11-12p	Communion Packet Pick Up
	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person Communion Weekend
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Sun May 2	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	
	10.000	us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website-
		www.lmmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording
		afterwards at <u>www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/</u>
Mon May 3		God bless your week!
•	7:00p	Recessed Voters Meeting
		-Membership Matters, Call motions from Board of Education,
		and Sanctuary Improvement Committee Information
Tues May 4	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
•	5:30p	ERC Committee Meeting
	7:00p	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed May 5	9:00a	Monarch Meadows Bible Study 2135 Lor Ray Dr North Mankato 56003
•	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
Thur May 6	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
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Fri May 7 9:00a		Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato SIC Meeting
	11.00р	Have a blessed weekend!
Sat May 8	10.002	Church Music Practice
Sat Iviay o		WORSHIP In-Person
		Family Sunday School
Sun May 9		Family Sunday School
carring,	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOF 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

LOOKING AHEAD

May 10 - 7p Congregation Meeting/Discussion (Sanctuary Updates)

May 13 - Ascension Day

May 15 - Facility Clean Up Day

May 21- Graduation Day & Last Day of School

June 5 - Minnesota Delegate Conference

June 12- Adventure Day

June 24-27 - CLC Convention

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.

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING FOR THIS WEEKEND Over the last few months in their music classes, the Grade School and High School choirs have been working on the *Setting 1* musical parts of liturgy from the *Worship Supplement* (tan hymnal). This setting will be used for the services this weekend. (Saturday, May 1st at 6 pm and Sunday, May 2nd at 10 am.) We invite everyone to worship and participate in singing these new musical parts of liturgy. Students will remain with their parents and sing from their pews during this service.

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.
- 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).
- 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, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

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!

FACILITY CLEAN UP DAY Facility clean up day will be May 15th from 8am-1pm. If you are able to come help deep clean our building at any time during those hours it would be appreciated! Many hands make light work!

PEDAL PAST POVERTY Thank you to everyone who donated money to our team for the Pedal Past Poverty event. As a team, we were able to raise over \$1,600 for families in the Mankato area. We appreciate your generosity!

TVBS OPPORTUNITY Grace Lutheran Church in Valentine, Nebraska is looking for a team of five or six teachers to help with their Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates are set for June 14-17. The members of Grace plan to host all of the volunteers and have fun activities planned for the afternoons. Please speak to Pastor Naumann if you are interested in helping. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS The Elders in coordination with the Deacons have continued to attempt to reach out and encourage members with whom we have not had contact with well before covid. We are looking for help from you. The information we have for this list below is NOT current. If you have ANY contact information or any questions please contact Pastor Radichel so we can reach out and contact these brothers and sisters in Christ!

We have tried several different ways to make contact with these blood bought souls of Christ. We've shared their names in the bulletin several times as well. Unfortunately, the Elders/Deacons will be recommending release from membership (NOT excommunication) at our next voters meeting on Monday, May 3rd, if we cannot get contact information for them (Constitution Art. 4). Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support towards this work and any information you can provide!

Amundson, Matthew Anderson, Jordan Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Wm., Sr. Daum, Ashley Herme, Holden Hiniker, Jeffrey Hiniker, Terry Koskovich, Chris Lanes, Lindsay Macik, Randy Meyer, Bethany Pasbria, Jerome Peralta, Mary Ruae, Sarah Schweim, Paul Zuhlsdorf, Jesse

Anderson, Joel Anderson, Michael Anderson, Nancy Cole, Lois Enter, Eric Herme, Steven Hiniker, Rita Jones, Justin Kuana, Sarah Lorentz, Jeremy Melvin, Macinzi Meyer, Brandon Pasbria, Judith Ratcliff, Tyler Schultz, Donald Weber, Kimberly

SUMMARY of QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING April 19, 2021

In membership, the confirmation class of 2021 (Rebekah Busch, Jesse Cornish, Gretchen Davis, Mary Enter, Hailee Hauschild, Kamryn Kitts, Jordyn Mariner, Jordan Meungsaksith, Travis Miller, Andrew Olmanson, Kaleb Rhiger, Jack Stratton, Michaela Wheaton) was accepted into communicant membership.

The Board of Finance reported an increase on the estimate for tuition income from \$135,000 to \$140,000.

The Board of Deacons reported that the board has subdivided into two sub-committees Deacons and Elders. The sub-committees meet separately and

then together. After Mr. Carstensen's resignation the Board and Board of Education met and Pastor Naumann picked up Religion 7/8 and Pastor Radichel took on more preaching. Approval was given to host the ILC Tour Choir on March 19. The board recommended the council resume the sanctuary update plans. The Easter Breakfast was canceled due to covid restrictions. Men's Friday morning bible study/breakfast will resume on June 4th without breakfast. Pastor Radichel will be guest preaching at Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA for Mission Fest on April 25. Facility Usage Form has moved online.

The Board of Property reported that a clean up day will be held May 15 from 8-1. A volunteer survey will be sent out by email. The check valve was installed in the MPF. The water heater is purchased and will be installed.

The Board of Education reported that in-classroom learning has resumed after 19 days of distance learning between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Twelve seniors will be graduating. Eric Libby returned our call. Kevin Schrader has accepted our call.

The Sanctuary Improvement Committee provided a written set of proposals that they will present to the congregation, get feedback and then bring to the voters.

The Expansion/Relocation Committee reported on a 16.35 acre lot on the Northeast area of the town by Hoffman and County 12 that is for sales for \$2.75 million.

Action was tabled on tuition changes: Remove CLC Member Tuition and rename Member to CLC Member Tuition, \$0 increase in High School Tuition. Increase the 7th/8th Grade tuition for nonmembers by 2% (\$50) to \$3160. Increase K-6 tuition for members by 10% (\$70) to \$730. Increase K-6 tuition for nonmembers by 10% (\$250) to \$2880.Set a goal of tuition + endowment budget paying for 35% of budgeted school personnel expenses.

A motion to abolish the Board Reserve Funds and establish a Council Reserve Fund was referred to the council.

The meeting was recessed to May 3rd at 7:00pm. Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

SYNOD ANNOUCEMENTS

SYOND CALLS Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI<> Education graduate Ben Hanson has accepted the call to St. John's, Okabena, MN<> Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY<> Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz has been called by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD

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.

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. Runsforfun@aol.com or 803-530-4424.

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS YOUTH CAMP-OUT August 11-

15, 2021 for those entering grades 8-12th. The Camp Fee is \$85 for Eau Claire students and \$95 for MN students. Lodging and meals are included in this fee. We'll camp at the Union Bay group campsite on Lake Superior. Activities will include devotions, group discussions, hiking, swimming, beach time, lots of different games, and many other activities. It's okay if you haven't camped before, we'll help you learn! We have a limit of 48 campers. Registration deadline is Monday, July 5th. Transportation will be provided from Eau Claire, WI. Once registration has closed, we'll send packing lists and forms to be completed by a parent or quardian. Register

at <u>www.tinyurl.com/Porkies2021</u> Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (608) 386-3714 <u>aschmidy2003@gmail.com</u>