



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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These things says the Son of God,
who has eyes like a flame of fire,
and His feet like fine brass.

Revelation 2:18

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel DEACON Ted Schreyer

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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.

CHANTING ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn 561 LSB
The Tree of Life

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.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

P: The Lord be with you

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

P: We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪ **We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.**

P: O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪ **God the Father Almighty.**

P: O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ **O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

P: Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Receive our prayer.**

P: You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

P: For You only are holy;

C: **♪ You only are the Lord.**

P: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: **♪ Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 KINGS 8:22-30

At the time of this reading, King Solomon had completed the temple building according to the specifications given by the LORD. We listen to Solomon's prayer recalling the LORD's promise to David and those patriarchs before him of a kingdom that would last forever. It is this kingdom that comes through the Word of God into the hearts of believers of Christ for all time. We rejoice in the presence of our LORD God, not just in His temple courts, but in our daily lives as we give thanks for His answer to our prayers of peace and forgiveness.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; **23** and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. **24** "You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. **25** "Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' **26** "And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father. **27** "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! **28** "Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: **29** "that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. **30** "And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING LUKE 24:44-53, ACTS 1:4-11

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

Both readings give account of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, out of sight. Yet He remains with us. And He promises to send the Helper, the Holy Spirit to bring to understanding all that was written and said by the prophets concerning Christ. In this understanding, Jesus' disciples then and still today would be His witnesses declaring the Gospel of His death, resurrection, and our eternal life through His name!

Luke 24:44-53 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." **45** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. **46** Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, **47** "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** "And you are witnesses of these things. **49** "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." **50** And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. **51** Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. **52** And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, **53** and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Acts 1:4-11 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; **5** "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." **6** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11** who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

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

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 221 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

SERMON TEXT REVELATION 2:18-29

"And to the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write,

These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: **19** "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. **20** "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. **21** "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. **22** "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. **23** "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. **24** "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. **25** "But hold fast what you have till I come. **26** "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-- **27** 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' -- as I also have received from My Father; **28** "and I will give him the morning star. **29** "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Love Letters from our Lord Jesus- to the Tolerant Thyatirans

1. You made your bed, now lie in it

2. You dug your grave, but I laid in it

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
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 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.

Sermon Hymn 467 vs 1-4 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

OFFERING MEDITATION

I Will Rise, Tomlin

There's a peace I've come to know,
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "It is well"
Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near,
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"

SPECIAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen!

Closing Hymn 467 vs 5,7 TLH (Red Hymnal)
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LAST WEEK

Sunday Worship 5/9: 154; views 150	Monarch Meadows Bible Class 5/12: 2
Sunday Family Sunday School: 23	Laurel's Edge Bible Class 5/12 : 4
Ascension Day Worship 5/13: 50	Midweek Bible Class 5/12: 16
	Primrose Bible Study 5/14: 4
	Autumn Grace Worship 5/14: 22

THIS WEEK

Sat May 15	8am	Facility Clean Up Day
	6:00p	WORSHIP , In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun May 16	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	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 OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon May 17		God bless your week!
	7:00p	Recessed Voters Meeting
Tues May 18	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
Wed May 19	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 20	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study 105 E Walnut St Mankato
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	Online & In-person Confirmation Class
Fri May 21		Last Day of School for ILS
	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato
	11:00p	SIC Meeting
		Have a blessed weekend!
	6:00p	Graduation
Sat May 22	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun May 23	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

LOOKING AHEAD

May 21- Graduation Day & Last Day of School

June 5 - Minnesota Delegate Conference

June 12- Adventure Day

June 24-27 - CLC Convention

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FIRE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE The Fire Anniversary Committee is welcoming any photos, stories or other information about the church and school at the time of the fire of 1971 or the rebuilding to follow. If you have things that you would like to share or know of those who would, please contact Kymberly Stelter at kjstelter@gmail.com or 507-327-2076. Thanks!

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Plans are in the works for a normal Vacation Bible School this summer, July 12-16. Our theme this year is "Children of the Heavenly Father." We are now ready to take volunteers to help with teaching, recess, music, crafts, and snacks. Please sign up in the church narthex or speak to Pastor Naumann or Colleen Matzke. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER CALL At last Voters' Meeting on May 3, 2021 several calls within our teaching staff were modified by mutual agreement. Because of these adjustments, there is now a vacancy in the Kindergarten room. The Board of Education is assembling a call list with the help of the CLC President. Part of this process includes compiling basic biographical information on any individuals who will be nominated. If you have been prayerfully led to nominate someone at the upcoming meeting, please inform BOE Chairman Mac Friedrichs and Pastor Naumann so that they can include the name and biography on the call list. They are hoping to get the list to our Voters' in advance of the Annual Meeting. Any voting member of Immanuel is able to nominate. Non-voters should speak to a voter or a pastor if they would like to nominate. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

Grace Busch -Saturday, May 22
2:00pm-5:00pm
424 Cardinal Drive Mankato

Amber Casto- Saturday May 29
4:00pm-9:00pm
28013 Cedar Trail Court Cleveland

Orrin Gessner- Friday, May 28
5:00pm
22995 602nd Ln Madison Lake

Alex Schmitt- Saturday May 22
1:00pm-4:00pm
739 James Ave, Mankato

Gabriel Strand- Saturday May 22

4:00pm-7:00pm

327 N Redwood Dr Mankato

VOTERS MEETING Reminder to our voters that the recessed voters meeting is taking place this **Monday the 17th at 7pm**. The Kindergarten teacher call will be on the agenda. The meeting will take place in the church basement. Any questions can be directed to Zach Lien.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY Mark your calendars for our **June 12th** Adventure Day. We will be biking on Sakatah Trail! Bring your family, bikes and your own picnic lunch! We will meet at the trail entrance on Lime St at 11am, and bike to Trail Creek Park where we will stop for a devotion, picnic and play time on the playground!

If you are not able to bike with us, please consider bringing your family and meeting us at Trail Creek Park to join us for a picnic and fellowship! There is a play ground and a pavilion to use! Hope to see you all there! Any questions can be directed to the church secretary.

SYNOD ANNOUCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS 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 <> Pastor Chad Seybt, Morning Star, Fairchild/Trinity, Millston/Peace with God, Onalaska has been called as a part-time pastor to St. Paul's, Melrose, MN <> Mikkela Hammond, St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA has been called by Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE to be their second full-time teacher for Grades 3-6 <> Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has returned the call by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY <> Pastor Chad Seybt, Morning Star, Fairchild/Trinity, Millston/Peace With God, Onlaska has accepted the part-time call by St. Paul's, Melrose, WI as part of a now quad-parish <> Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has been called to be the primary teacher/principal of Valley Bible Academy - St. John's, Clarkston, WA

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

TIME TO RENEW OR SUBSCRIBE The Branches magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for 4, 24 page issues each year.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron, Nebraska. We will be sending out more information in the near future, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger (womensretreatwest@gmail.com) or Candy Ohlmann (ocandice@hotmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

If you have any announcements you would like to put in the bulletin for next weekend please notify the church secretary no later than **10am on Friday**. Thank you!