



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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To him who overcomes I will give to eat
from the tree of life, which is in the
midst of the Paradise of God.

Revelation 2:7

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel DEACON Ross Theneman

ORGANIST Vivian Hanel

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

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Opening Hymn 764 WS (*Tan Hymnal*)
God of Grace and God of Glory

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.

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

WE PRAISE OUR LORD

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 30 (SELECTED VERSES)

This psalm expresses the power of prayer directed to the true God. Prayers to the true God are not idle thoughts or wishy ramblings. Rather, they appeal directly to the power and grace of God. In every situation and circumstance of life, even when we are facing death, God is able to help and deliver.

P: I cried out to You, O LORD;

C: And to the LORD I made supplication:

P: "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit?

C: Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

P: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;

C: LORD, be my helper!"

P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

C: You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

P: To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.

C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

P: Glory be to God!

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity,
For planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free,
On whom our trust is founded, our house built on a rock,
Our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock,
Dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again,
Join saints and angels singing, 'Amen, Amen, Amen!'

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 54:7-13

The LORD's judgment of sin always has a purpose to restore the sinner by forgiveness. In these words, God reaffirms the covenant of peace with His people through the prophet Isaiah. Although God must chasten His people at times, it is an act of love so that the promise of the Savior would not be misused or forgotten. In His mercy, the LORD responds to our sins in the same way - with a faithful desire to save us.

"For a mere moment I have forsaken you, But with great mercies I will gather you. **8** With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer. **9** "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. **10** For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you. **11** "O you afflicted one, Tossed with tempest, and not comforted, Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, And lay your foundations with sapphires. **12** I will make your pinnacles of rubies, Your gates of crystal, And all your walls of precious stones. **13** All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace of your children.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING JOHN 14:13-21

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

Jesus speaks about His unity and relationship with God the Father. When we honor and listen to Jesus, it is honoring and listening to God. We also see an aspect of the Trinity in these verses as Jesus promises the aid of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls "the Helper." The Holy Spirit would tangibly arrive on Pentecost Day, but He remains with us through the preaching and receiving of God's Word.

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. **15** "If you love Me, keep My commandments. **16** "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-

- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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

CONFESSIO 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 351 vs 1-3 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Love Divine, All Love Excelling

SERMON TEXT REVELATION 2:1-7

The Command to Write

"To the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write,

Description of the Speaker

`These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

The Word of Commendation

2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; **3**

"and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

The Word of Condemnation

4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

The Admonition

5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-- unless you repent. **6** "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

The Call to Hear

7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The Promise

To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Love Letters from our Lord Jesus- to the Eroding Ephesians

1. A letter of Commendation- for enduring false teachers and false works
2. A letter of Condemnation- for an eroding love of the Gospel
3. A letter of Consolation- from He who holds you until the Last Day

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

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

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 363 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing*

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 351 vs 4 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Love Divine, All Love Excelling

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LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 5/1: 29	Monarch Meadows Bible Class 5/5: 3
Saturday Family Sunday School: 2	Laurel's Edge Bible Class 5/5 : 4
Sunday Worship 5/2: 147; views 118	Old Main Bible Study 5/6: 7
Sunday Family Sunday School: 3	Primrose Bible Study 5/7: 4

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)	\$ 393 CLC General Budget (CBP)
\$ 7,694.94 Current Expenses General Budget	\$ 210 MDF
Non-Budgetary	\$ 320 Kinship
\$ 335 Major Improvement Fund	
\$ 80 ILS Student Aid	
\$560 Land Purchase	
\$15 Foundation	
\$60 Benevolent	
\$106.63 MPF Floor Replacement	

THIS WEEK

- Sat May 8 10:00a Church Music Practice
6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
- Sun May 9 7:00p Family Sunday School
9:00a Family Sunday School
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
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 10 God bless your week!
- Tues May 11 7:00p Congregational Meeting- Sanctuary Improvements
3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
6:30p Deacons Meeting
7:00p Board of Education Meeting
7:00p Board of Property Meeting
7:30p Finance Board Meeting
8:00p Council Meeting
- Wed May 12 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 13 **Ascension Day**
10:00a Walnut Towers Bible Study 105 E Walnut St Mankato
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
6:00p Ascension Day Worship Service
- Fri May 14 9:00a Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato
11:00p SIC Meeting

Have a blessed weekend!

Sat May 15	8:00a	Facility Clean Up Day!
	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person 3 rd Sunday Communion
	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- 3 rd Sunday Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

May 17- Voters Meeting
 May 21- Graduation Day & Last Day of School
 June 5 - Minnesota Delegate Conference
 June 12- Adventure Day
 June 24-27 - CLC Convention

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please come and join us! There are many projects to be done including touch up painting, deep cleaning and landscaping. If you are able to come help at any time during those hours it would be appreciated! Many hands make light work!

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!

JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISER Tuesday, **May 11** from 4 PM - 8 PM at both Mankato Jersey Mike's Locations! Stop in with a flyer you can pick up from the narthex, or a digital picture of the flyer, and help support ILS Athletics! 50% of all purchases during this time will go directly back to our athletic program. Thank you for your support and enjoy a sandwich!

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 Bennett Olmanson 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.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has returned the call by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI <> 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 Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye/Faith, New Ulm returned the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, WI <> 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 <> Mrs. Beth Sandeen has returned the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor <> Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has now received this call <> Nathan Buck, Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA has accepted the call to teach the 5th-6th grade at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose has accepted the full-time call to Bethel, Morris, 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 <> Immanuel, Mankato, MN voted to modify the call of Mr. Matthew Kranz from 5th & 6th grade to fill their vacant high school position. Additionally, they voted to modify the call of Mrs. Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5th & 6th grade

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

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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.