



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.

Genesis 18:19

SERVING US THIS WEEK

LEADER Brent Schreyer & Jason Dick DEACON Tim Williams

ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Austin Lien

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

Opening Hymn 33 TLH (Red Hymnal)
The Lord hath Helped Me Hitherto

INVOCATION *We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.*

Leader (L): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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 praise the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON ACTS 8:26-38

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

This is desert. **27** So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, **28** was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth."

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. **36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 8:1-5

L: O Lord, our Lord,

C: How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

L: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

C: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

L: Because of Your enemies,

C: That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

L: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

L: What is man that You are mindful of him,

C: And the son of man that You visit him?

L: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

C: And You have crowned him with glory and honor. Amen!

SECOND LESSON MATTHEW 5:7-12

Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **12** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: 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 391 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Blessed Are the Sons of God

SERMON GENESIS 18:16-33

Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **17** And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, **18** "since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? **19** "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." **20** And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, **21** "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." **22** Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

23 And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? **24** "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? **25** "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" **26** So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." **27** Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: **28** "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it." **29** And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty." **30** Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." **31** And he

said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty." **32** Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." **33** So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Christians Have Leverage With God!

1. It's leverage that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

2. It's leverage that we can be bold in using.

Preaching today: Lay Leader Brent Schreyer (Sat) Lay Leader Jason Dick (Sun) Sermon written by Pastor Paul Naumann for Ministry by Mail

Sermon Hymn 456 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

OFFERTORY WS (TAN HYMNAL) PG 16

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. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

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

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 48 TLH (Red Hymnal)
How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word

LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)	\$ 679 CLC General Budget (CBP)
\$ 9,911.89 Current Expenses General Budget	\$ 100 CLC MDF (Mission)
Non-Budgetary	\$ 140 CLC Kinship
\$ 70 Major Improvement	
\$ 111 Land Purchase Fund	
\$ 640 ILS Student Aid	
\$ 384.87 MPF Floor Replacement Fund	
\$ 70 Ascension Day	
\$ 1,000 Bequest to be Designated	

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
New Perspective	No	9:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	
Realife	No	9:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	6
Monarch Meadows	No	9:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Water's Edge	No	10:00 AM	1st, 3rd Thursdays	Worship	
Water's Edge	No	10:00 AM	2nd, 4th Thursdays	Study	
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2nd Thursday	Worship	
Primrose	No	3:30 PM	5th Thursday	Worship	
College study	No	7:00 PM	Every other Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	

Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	4
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	
Pathstone	No	10:00 AM	3rd, 5th Friday	Worship	
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	
<i>Blue Earth Jail (Women's)</i>	No	8:45 AM	Every Friday	Study	
<i>Blue Earth Jail (Men's)</i>	No	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					33

Saturday Worship 6/19: 60

Sunday Worship 6/20: 126

THIS WEEK

Sat June 26	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person
Sun June 27	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 June 28		God bless your week!
Tues June 29	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
	6:00p	Elders Meeting (Team Red)
Wed June 30	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
Thur July 1	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
Fri July 2	6:30a	Men's Breakfast
Sat July 3	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person Communion Weekend
Sun July 4	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream- Communion Weekend
	10:00a	St Peter Parade

LOOKING AHEAD

July 10th Fun Days Parade

July 12-16- Vacation Bible School

Aug 11-15- Porcupine Mountains Camp

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 4TH PARADE The Outreach Committee is hopeful you'll walk with us in two local parades on **July 4** and **July 10**. Volunteers are asked to wear Immanuel swag. The July 4th parade starts at 10am on Sunday July 4th. Please come help us support Immanuel's outreach endeavors in our community. Contact Daniel Pfeiffer (507-304-3473) if you are interested in either date.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL We hope and pray that your children will be able to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 12-16, 8:30am - 11:30am. Our theme this year is "Children of the Heavenly Father." VBS is open to ages 3 through 8th grade. Anyone older than 8th grade is invited to help! Please volunteer by signing up in the church narthex or speak to Colleen Matzke or Matthew Kranz. Thank you!

NEEDED: ALTAR FLOWER VOLUNTEERS The altar flower sign-up for June through October is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex. Please consider volunteering. Questions? Email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or call Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

LADIES AUXILIARY SPRING LUNCHEON Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to join us for the Annual Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon **Wednesday, June 30, 11:00 a.m.** at Pizza Ranch, 1551 Tullamore Street, Mankato. Please RSVP by Monday, June 28 to Donna Klammer at 507-625-3532.

JULY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION will be back to normal up front at the Communion railings. Last month, the Deacons had mentioned with COVID restrictions lifted and once we ran out of the pre-packaged individual communion cups, we would be going back to normal Communion distribution. If there are still members who are uncomfortable with this currently, please seek out Pastor Radichel for private Communion. Thank you!

SANCTUARY REMODELING/ REFINISHING UPDATE

1. Narthex flooring will be replaced July 29th. Volunteers will be needed to remove old carpet and glue, starting July 26th. Contact Property Board with questions and more information.
2. Carpet and pew upholstery samples are available for review, please look them over- and vote for your favorite combinations! If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the church secretary.

SIC COMMITTEE SURVEY Check your email inbox for a survey from the SIC committee regarding the front of the sanctuary remodel! Paper copies have also been placed in all church mailboxes and extra ones are available on the table in the narthex. All communicant members are encouraged to fill out the survey and return to the church office by **Sunday, July 11th**.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING MINUTES- JUNE 21ST

The Sanctuary Improvement Committee reported that the pew re-cushion estimate was incorrect, and that the actual estimate will be around ~25,000 (versus \$9,645). The committee presented four recommendations: 1. Accept the updated quote from Wood Church Interiors to re-cushion the pew for not more than \$25,000 (refinishing was determined not to be necessary). 2. Increase the pew spacing and angle them, resulting in up to 3 less pews total; Not bolt pews down in the sanctuary main floor for the near future; test arrangement of the pews; remove the front vanity screens on both side; balcony seating must be anchored according to code. 3. Re-carpet the front of the sanctuary for not more than \$4,000. 4. Front sanctuary: extend only the 1st step out; adjust the communion railing to match the pew angle; update electrical wiring as needed; relocate pulpit. With a current estimate of \$4,639.80 not to exceed \$6,000.

The meeting was adjourned.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Greta Brown-Kempenaar has been called as music teacher and preschool aid for one year by Faith, Markesan, WI <> Mr. Andrew Roehl, 5-6th grade teacher Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has been called to be teacher and principal at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA <> Redeemer has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith, Manchester, MO <> Pastor Tim Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne WY<> Mrs. Vanessa Wales, a member of Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC has returned the call to be 2-6 grade teacher at Grace, Valentine, NE <> Grace, Valentine, NE has extended a one-year call to David Bernthal, teacher emeritus, living in Fond du Lac, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher

DREW NAUMANN ORDINATION/ INSTALLATION: By God's grace and with joyful thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church, seminary graduate Drew Naumann will be ordained and installed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA on July 4 in a 3:00 p.m. worship service. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt will be conducting the service, Professor Paul Naumann will preach, and Pastor David Naumann (Conference Visitor) will conduct the rite of ordination/installation. The members of Trinity invite you to join with them in giving thanks to the Lord for providing His under-shepherd to this flock. Guests are welcome to attend the ordination/installation service and also to join in a time of fellowship and refreshment following the service.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP The annual Grade School Volleyball Camp will be held July 18-21 at Immanuel High School in Eau Claire, WI. It is for girls entering grades 4-8. Deadline for registration is July 1. Visit tinyurl.com/ilc-vballcamp.

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will be many possible outdoor activities such as zip lining, rappelling, swurving, hiking, swimming, fishing, bonfires, s'mores, etc. The camp is Friday evening July 16th, through Tuesday morning the 20th. The cost for Friday evening through Tuesday morning (including food, campsite, and activities) is \$75 for ages 13 and up, \$55 for ages 5-12, children ages 2-4 are \$15 and kids 1 and under are free. Yes, there will be flush toilets and hot showers. Yes, you can bring your camper, otherwise bring a tent. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

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

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Immanuel, Mankato's "Twin Steeples Podcast" <https://twinsteeple.podbean.com>

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