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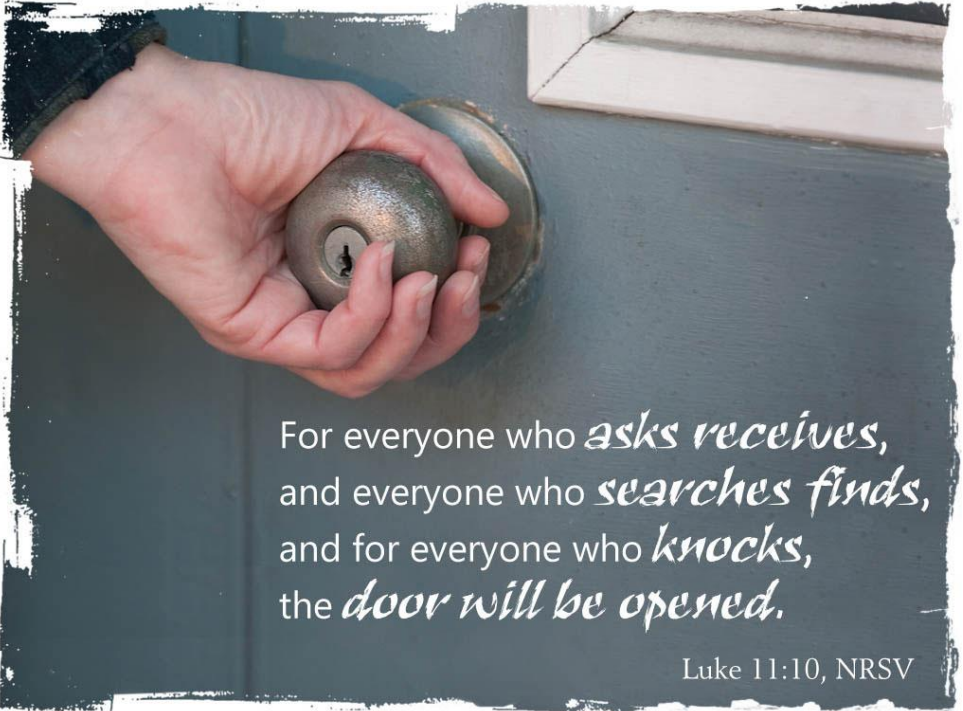
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15TH SUNDAY IN TRINITY SEASON



For everyone who *asks receives,*
and everyone who *searches finds,*
and for everyone who *knocks,*
the *door will be opened.*

Luke 11:10, NRSV

SERVING US THIS WEEK

LAY LEADER (Sat.) Michael Wheaton (Sun.) Brandan Heinze

<> DEACON Tim Williams

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer <>SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Austin Lien

USHERS Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Orrin Gessner, Scott Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Peter Olmanson, Daniel Pfeiffer, Kaleb Rhiger, Mike Schweim, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton

ORDER OF SERVICE

Order of service as follows in the Worship Supplement pg 22

Opening Hymn 424 TLH (Red Hymnal)

My God My Father Make Me Strong

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

LAY LEADER (L): We begin this worship service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C) ♪: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS & 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.

All: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON 1 KINGS 17:1-6

We can relate to a lack of rain and the inconveniences that it brings to our lives, but not to this extreme. Notice the trust that the prophet Elijah had in his Heavenly Father to protect and provide for him. Notice that even when the waters dried up, the LORD still took care of His people even in miraculous ways. Let's continue to give thanks to our LORD remembering where the rains and all gifts flow. We can rejoice even more in the waters of eternal life that flow from Christ our Savior that also give life to our faith.

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." **2** Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, **3** "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **4** "And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." **5** So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **6** The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. **7** And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. **8** Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, **9** "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." **10** So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." **11** And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." **12** So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." **13** And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. **14** "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'" **15** So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. **16** The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 34

L: <A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.> I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

L: My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

C: The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

L: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

C: I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

L: They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

C: This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

L: The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,

C: And delivers them.

L: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

All: Amen.

SECOND LESSON EPHESIANS 4:8-16

Although it is important to have a child-like faith in trusting our LORD to provide, it is equally important to be always maturing in that faith. The Apostle Paul encourages the Christians in Ephesus not just about being diligent in our various roles as Christians, but to grow up in our faith so that we are not tossed about by man's twisting and changing of Biblical doctrines. In this way our Heavenly Father continues to protect His Word among us by keeping it pure and using it to strengthen our faith in our ascended Christ, and with one another.

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." **9** (Now this, "He ascended"-- what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? **10** He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) **11** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in

all things into Him who is the head-- Christ-- **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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!

CONFESSON OF FAITH 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 580 v 1-4,6,9 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
To Thee, Our God, We Fly

SERMON LUKE 11:5-13

And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; **6** 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; **7** "and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you ' ? **8** "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. **9** "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **11** "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? **12** "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer

him a scorpion? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

'Daddy...'

- Daddy, can I?
- Daddy, I'm scared.
- Daddy, guess what!

Saturday: Teacher Michael Wheaton

Sunday: Principal Brandan Heinze

Ministry by Mail Sermon - Pastor Wayne Eichstadt

Sermon Hymn 459 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

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 457 TLH (Red Hymnal)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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LAST WEEK

<p><u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u></p> <p>Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week) \$14,013.92 Current Expenses General Budget</p> <p>Non-Budgetary</p> <p>\$ 185 Major Improvement \$ 60 Land Purchase Fund \$ 65 ILS Foundation \$ 60 Benevolent Fund \$ 228.91 MPF Floor Replacement Fund \$ 28 MPF Free Will Offering</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u></p> <p>\$ 751 CLC General Budget (CBP) \$ 102.70 CLC Kinship \$ 150 CLC MDF</p> <p>Memorials: In Memory of Larry Fischer: \$ 50 MPF Backdrop In Memory of Myron Lochner: \$ 35 New Equipment In Memory of Daniel Gurgel: \$ 200 ILS Undesgintated</p>
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Saturday Worship 9/4: **97**

Sunday Worship 9/5: **161**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	4
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	7
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	4
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	-
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	7
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2nd Thursday	Worship	3
College study	No	7:00 PM	Every other Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	23
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	6
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	19
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	3rd, 5th Friday	Worship	
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	
Blue Earth Jail (Women's)	No	8:45 AM	Every Friday	Study	
Blue Earth Jail (Men's)	No	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					83

THIS WEEK

Sat Sept 11	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person
Sun Sept 12	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon Sept 13		God Bless Your Week!
	5:00p	Home Game- JV Volleyball
	5:00p	Home Game- Varsity Soccer (at Caswell Soccer Complex)
	6:00p	Home Game- Varsity Volleyball
Tues Sept 14	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (<i>let him know if you need a visit</i>)
	6:30p	Deacon Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Property Meeting
	7:00p	Finance Board Meeting
	8:00p	Deacon Meeting
Wed Sept 15	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	5:30p	Public School Catechism
	7:00p	Congregational Meeting
Thur Sept 16	4:30p	Home Game- Grade School Soccer Game (Land of Memories)
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
Fri Sept 17	6:30a	Men's Breakfast
	4:00p	Home Game- JV Volleyball
	4:00p	Home Game- Varsity Soccer (Caswell Soccer Complex)
	5:00p	Home Game- Varsity Volleyball
Sat Sept 18	9:05a	Sophomore 5k
	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person
Sun Sept 19	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

Sept 29 Wed 7-8:30pm Congregational Choir Policy Discussion

Sept 30 to Oct 3- Man Up! Retreat www.manup.clclutheran.org.

Oct. 10th- Outdoor Adventure Day- Seven Mile

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOPHOMORE 5K The Sophomore 5k is back and on a new date! Come run along the scenic Minnesota River and enjoy the beautiful fall weather all while supporting the ILHS Class of 2024.

When: Saturday, Sep. 18 @ 9:05 AM **Where:** Sibley Park in Mankato

How to Register: Online at: sophomore5k.weebly.com or talk to a Sophomore \$20 per runner; students 6th grade and under are free!

See our website for more information: sophomore5k.weebly.com

Questions? Email Beth Greve at Beth.Greve@immanuelmankato.org

WEEKEND BIBLE STUDY / SUNDAY SCHOOL - Starting September 18/19 we will be having our Studies Saturday at 7pm AFTER the 6pm Worship, and Sundays at 9am BEFORE the 10am Worship. Sunday School will be using the ChristLight Curriculum again this year. Our Adult Study will focus on a book review study/discussion entitled -- "Connected to Christ: Why Membership Matters." Being a member of a church isn't just about giving offerings and having your name on a roster. It's about supporting your brothers and sisters, holding them accountable, and regularly receiving God's Word and Sacraments with them. You are a part of the body of Christ. You matter. Membership matters.



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES The Financial Secretary (Douglas Schaller) is looking to place an order for 2022 contribution envelopes within the next few weeks. If you are currently using envelopes you will automatically be placed on this new order list. If you did not get envelopes last year and want some for next, please contact Douglas and let him know.

BLOOD DRIVE Immanuel will be hosting a Blood Drive 10/22/21. Please mark your calendars and be on the look out for more information to come!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Becky McKenney has returned the call to Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE <> Michael Sprengeler has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD <> Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO <> Seminary graduate Nick Naumann is still considering the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN <> Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, is still considering the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY.

CLC Financial Report - August

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Month	Balance 8/31/2021
General Fund	0	149,491	202,413	209,904	- 52,922
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	310,116	247,778	241,352	62,338
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	124,590	38,941	292		163,239
ILC Building Projects	1,096,716	14,164	0		1,110,880
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	12,987	15,149		130,151
Kinship	182,119	35,769	24,355		193,533
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	3,527,885	89,354	114,325		3,502,914
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	133,585	15,915	20,417		129,083
CLC Reserve Fund	300,222	0	0		300,222
Total	\$5,497,430	\$207,130	\$174,538		\$5,530,022

General Fund – August offerings were \$67,076 (including a special \$20,000 offering) VS disbursements of \$88,497, resulting in a negative monthly cash flow of --\$21,420. YTD offerings are \$60,413 short of budget needs, while YTD disbursements are \$7,491 under budget needs, resulting in a YTD negative cash flow of --\$52,922 after the 2nd month of our fiscal year. It bears repeating that the General Fund provides major subsidy for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Trustees, Regents, and Education & Publication. The General Fund budget is \$1,259,430 for the fiscal year, or \$104,952/month. It needs the regular support of all our members. Only the GF has a deficit!!

ILC Operations – August revenue was \$234,031 (incl \$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$110,817, resulting in a positive YTD balance of +\$62,338. As noted last month, the Regents deficit of --\$60,875 recovered due largely to student revenue when school resumed August 23.

ILC Building Projects – August revenue: \$190 in offerings **VS** \$0 disbursements. August earnings (Dividends/Interest) were \$3,380, while unrealized market (capital) gains were \$2,294. The 2021 CLC Convention allocated \$20,000 from this account for the ILC Planning Committee to study and present a cost estimate to the 2022 Convention, not only for building a new gymnasium but also for repurposing the existing fieldhouse into a chapel/theater arts/musical arts facility.

CEF – August revenue: \$41,622 (\$25,983 loan repayments, \$15,600 market (capital) gains, \$40 offerings) **VS** disbursements: \$110,664 (\$100,000 Cong loan installment #1; \$2,396 Note interest paid; \$8,268 admin expenses. Over this month & the next the Trustees will fund congregational CEF construction loans of nearly \$900,000.

MDF – August revenue: \$4,211 in offerings **VS** disbursements of \$9,824, including \$4,850 Africa outreach; \$2,500 church building aid, & \$1,073 admin expenses.

SAF – August receipts: \$10,456 (\$5,673 SAF loan repayments & \$4,783 gifts) **VS** 19,536 disbursed (\$18,615 student grants, loans, & scholarships; \$920 admin expenses).

Kinship – August offerings: \$15,434 (\$12,104 offerings, \$3,330 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: \$8,005 (\$4,100 medical aid; \$3,010 orphanages, \$180 Sem students, \$690 widows).

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

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