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SERVING US THIS WEEK

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USHERS Fred Friedrichs, John Heinze, Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, Ross Libby, Jordan Meungsaksith, Andy Olmanson, Luke Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Chuck Schmid, Ron Wolle, Steve Wolle

SERVING US THANKSGIVING

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ORDER OF SERVICE

As Follows

Opening Hymn 616 TLH (Red Hymnal) Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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.

1ST LESSON LUKE 12:35-46

Jesus regularly uses an image of a bridegroom to describe Himself, especially as He nears the end of His earthly ministry. He exhorts us to be ready for the day when the Bridegroom (Jesus) will return on the Last Day. Those who are ready for His return will be eagerly welcomed and served by Jesus Himself. What joy awaits those who expectantly wait and prepare for Him!

35 "Let your waists be girded and your lamps burning; **36** "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. **37** "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. **38** "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. **39** "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **40** "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

41 Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?" **42** And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? **43** "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. **44** "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. **45** "But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, **46** "the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Congregational Praise: ♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

2ND LESSON RESPONSIVELY PSALM 144: 1-7, 15

P: <A Psalm of David.> Blessed be the LORD my Rock,

C: Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle--

P: My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer,

C: My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.

P: LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?

C: Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

P: Man is like a breath;

C: His days are like a passing shadow.

P: Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down;

C: Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

P: Flash forth lightning and scatter them;

C: Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.

P: Stretch out Your hand from above;

C: Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners,

P: Happy are the people who are in such a state;

C: Happy are the people whose God is the LORD! Amen!

3RD LESSON REVELATION 21:1-7

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

Many people have questions about heaven. What will heaven be like? John answers the most important questions about heaven telling us that it will be perfect. Jesus is coming again and when He does, He will make all things new. He will abundantly provide. Jesus came to make this possible when He lived and died as our substitute, but the Bridegroom will return and bring His people into that perfect home.

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. **2** Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. **4** "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." **5** Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." **6** And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the

End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.
7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Congregational Response (sung): Praise be to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS/ HYMNS OF 'GRACE

Our Confession of Faith from the Augsburg Confession (Articles 1-6)

P: He truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humanity.

ALL: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,

P: And sanctify those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts, to rule, to comfort, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.

ALL: The same Christ shall openly come again to judge the living and the dead.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

**By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain;
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain. (TLH 373:1)**

P: We also believe and confess that human beings cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith,

ALL: When they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see! (WS 777:1)**

P: This faith God accounts as righteousness in His sight.

ALL: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.

P: For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith where and when it pleases God, in all who hear the Gospel,

ALL: And the Gospel is this, that God, not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

P: We also teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruits, and that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God because it is God's will.

ALL: Yet we should not rely on those works to merit justification before God, for the forgiveness of sins and justification are ours by God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ!

RECEPTION OF A NEW IMMANUEL MEMBER

Christopher Nelson

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE THIRD ARTICLE (SANCTIFICATION)/ WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,--
Wash me, Savior, or I die! (TLH 376:3)**

SERMON ISAIAH 65:17-19

17 For behold, I will make a new heavens and a new earth;
And the former things will not be remembered nor will thoughts of them
come into the heart.

18 Surely rejoice and continuously be glad in that which I will make;
For behold, I will make Jerusalem glad and her people joyful.

19 And I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in My people;
And no longer in her will be the sound of weeping or the sound of crying.

A Glimpse of Heaven to Behold!

- Behold, the Glory.
- Behold, your God!

*Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel
Sermon Notes Sheet in Entryway*

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 371 v 1-4 TLH (Red Hymnal) Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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*

OFFERING MEDITATIONS

Sat. Behold a Host / Sun. The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen.

Closing Hymn 371 v 5-7 TLH (Red Hymnal) Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(NOV. 6& 7 AND 13&14 REPORTED)

Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)

\$31,404.09 Current Expenses General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$ **80** Preschool Fund

\$ **8,030** Major Improvement

\$ **2,715** ILS Student Aid

\$ **10** Land Purchase Fund

\$ **30** ILS Foundation

\$ **80** Benevolent Fund

\$ **12,505.16** ILS Mankato Undesignated

\$ **655.50** MPF Floor Replacement Fund

\$ **50** Thanksgiving

\$ **43** Saturday Night Basketball Free Will

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$ **4,018** CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$ **5.75** CLC Kinship

\$ **320** CLC MDF

\$ **30** ILC Student Aid

Memorials:

Jerry R Bentz

\$ **100** Undesignated

Carol Brenner

\$ **15** CLC Missions

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	6
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	9
Realife	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Tuesday	Study	
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	n/a
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	13
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	n/a
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2nd Thursday	Worship	
College study	No	7:00 PM	Every other Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	20
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	19
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	3rd, 5th Friday	Worship	14
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:					101
<i>Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!</i>					

Saturday Worship 11/13: **38**

Saturday Bible Study: **4**

Saturday Sunday School: **5**

Sunday Worship 11/14: **197**

Sunday Bible Study: **15**

Sunday School: **35** / Ambassadors **4**

THIS WEEK

- Sat Nov. 20 6:00p** **WORSHIP**, In-Person 3RD Sunday Communion
7:00p Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
7:30p Drama Performance
- Sun Nov. 21 9:00a** Adult Bible Class & Sunday School & Ambassadors
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00 **WORSHIP**, In-Person or Live Stream- 3rd Sunday Communion
Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
2:00p Drama Performance
- Mon Nov. 22** God Bless Your Week!
- Tues Nov. 23 3-5p** Pastors Office Hours (*let him know if you need a visit*)
7:00p Board of Education Meeting
- Wed Nov. 24 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
6:00p Thanksgiving Eve Service
7:00p Pie Palooza- Church Basement
- Thur Nov. 25** **Happy Thanksgiving!**
10:00 Thanksgiving Worship Service
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
- Fri Nov. 26 6:30a** NO Men's Breakfast
- Sat Nov. 27 6:00p** **WORSHIP**, In- Person
7:00p Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- Sun Nov. 28 9:00a** Adult Bible Class & Sunday School & Ambassadors
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a **WORSHIP** In-Person or Live Stream
11:00a Choir Practice
12:00p Basement Reserved

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRAMA CLUB : The ILS Drama Club will be presenting its fall play, **ORDER UP**, **this weekend**. The final 2 performances are at no cost and are on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 (following the service), and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2:00 pm. Free will donations are appreciated to help offset production costs (approx. \$200 per show).

Synopsis: When it comes to fast food, people are particular - very particular. In this quick succession of quirky customers, the Order Up! restaurant takes on everything from weird food allergies to fanatical health inspectors, from the fear of eating to someone wanting to hide in the restroom, and on and on and on. Could there be a moment of sanity for the three employees who work behind this fast-food counter?

ILS History Tour wreath orders may be picked up in the school parking lot on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 3:00-6:00pm or immediately after the Thanksgiving Eve service.

THANKSGIVING UPDATE & PIE PALOOZA! This week the Deacons received input from congregational members asking that we reconsider our decision to cancel the Thursday morning Thanksgiving service. The case was made that the morning service has been a longstanding tradition of our membership and has been attended by approx. 100 - 150 souls in the past several years. Considering the input received, the deacons have reconsidered and Immanuel **will** hold a Thanksgiving service Thursday morning at 10:00 am. We encourage all members to celebrate and give thanks for all that the Lord has done for us through worship Wednesday evening at 6:00pm or Thursday morning at 10:00 am. (you're welcome to both!). Please disregard all previous announcements about canceling the Thursday service. This was considered in an effort to provide some relief to attend to soul-care duties that are falling behind due to the pastoral medical leave. The deacons will look for other areas to find relief.

One exciting thing we're doing this year for Thanksgiving is planning a **Pie Palooza Wednesday night at 7pm**. This will be after the Thanksgiving service in the church basement. Bring a pie to share and hang out with your church family for a little bit! Pies can be brought down to the church basement prior to service to be cut up and served. Please join us!

IMMANUEL CHOIR PRACTICES ARE RESUMING on **Sunday, November 28th** after the worship service. Dwain Frazee has volunteered again to lead the choir and would like to start practicing for Christmas. If you are interested in singing, please plan to attend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS There will be a short meeting after church on November 21st. Reach out to Russ Schmitt if you have any questions.

HEAD USHER NEEDED There is a need for a head usher for 4th Sunday Weekends. If you are able to serve your church family in this way, please contact Tim Williams for details. tjjawilliams@outlook.com

BUDGET UPDATE We will need \$29,336 per week till the end of the year to make our yearly budget. Please consider this need in your giving.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING Keep your eyes peeled for a sign up form in the coming days for Christmas Decorating! The sanctuary always looks so lovely for Christmas, but the work can't get done without volunteers!

SUMMARY of RECESSED QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

November 1, 2021

In membership matters BobHeller was accepted into communicant membership by confession of faith. David Greve was accepted into communicant membership by transfer from Salem of Eagle Lake. In elections Charles Olmanson and Ross Libby were elected to the Board of Education. John Heinze and Mick Rykhus were elected to the Board of Property. Alan Olmanson was elected to the Board of Finance. Daniel D. Pfeiffer was elected to the Board of Deacons. A vacancy was left on the Board of Deacons which be filled by the Church Council. The undesigned Thanksgiving offerings were designated 50% to the General Fund and 50% to the CLC CBP (i.e. Missions). There was discussion on the next steps for the school singing policy. The current policy will be on the agenda for the January annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

SYNOD ANNOUCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO

TRIP TO ISRAEL The group trip to Israel, which was postponed until January 2022 due to COVID, has been postponed once more. The new dates are now set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact to Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602; nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.

✔ Abortion / Beginning of Life True Doctrine

Life begins at fertilization. Every child, regardless of mental or physical condition, is a precious gift of God. Abortion is murder. It is a transgressing of God's will in the Fifth Commandment.

See Law/Gospel Tab to understand more about Christ's forgiveness. [Exodus 20:13](#), [Job 10:8-12](#), [Psalm 127:3](#), [Psalm 139:13-14](#), [Jeremiah 1:5](#).

✔ Born Again Christian True Doctrine

A "born again Christian" is one who has been reborn spiritually by the power of the Holy Spirit through water and word of baptism. ([Ephesians 2:1](#)). This spiritual rebirth happens to all Christians at the moment of their conversion. (Water baptism and Spirit baptism are identical.) [John 3:3-5](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [1 Peter 1:23](#), [Titus 3:5](#).

The Spirit-filled life is evidenced in Christians by their confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and a life of Spirit-worked sanctification (fruits of faith). [1 Corinthians 11, 12:3](#), [Galatians 6:19-26](#).

✘ Abortion / Beginning of Life False Doctrine

It cannot be determined when life begins. Mothers have the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. The destruction of a fetus is not murder. [many churches]

✘ Born Again Christian False Doctrine

A "born again Christian" is one who has undergone a special religious experience. This spiritual rebirth is a "second blessing" that happens only to certain Christians after their conversion. (Water baptism and Spirit baptism are two different things.) [CHAR, some REF]

The Spirit-filled life is evidenced in Christians by their ability to speak in tongues. [CHAR]

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice



Thanksgiving Pie Palooza

WEDNESDAY NOV 24 @ 7PM



**BRING A PIE OR TWO TO SHARE, AND JOIN
YOUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR A 'PIE PALOOZA'
IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT AFTER SERVICE!**