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3RD SUNDAY IN THE ADVENT SEASON



For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth
came through Jesus Christ. *John 1:17*

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann <> **DEACON** Ty Hanel<> **ORGANIST** Kristen Friedrichs <>

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Austin Lien **USHERS** Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Orrin Gessner, Scott Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Daniel Pfeffier, Kaleb Rhiger, Mike Schweim, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel <> **DEACON** Ted Schreyer<> **ORGANIST** Bonnie Cornish <>

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt **USHERS** Fred Friedrichs, John Heinze, Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Ty Hanel, Ross Libby, Jordan Meungsakith, Andy Olmanson, Luke Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Chuck Schmid, Ron Wolle, Steve Wolle

ORDER OF SERVICE

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Red Hymnal pg 5

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.**

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You so to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

Hymn 358 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching 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 119:113-119

P: I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.

C: You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

P: Depart from me, you evildoers,

C: For I will keep the commandments of my God!

P: Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;

C: And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

P: Hold me up, and I shall be safe,

C: And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

P: You reject all those who stray from Your statutes,

C: For their deceit is falsehood.

P: You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross;

C: Therefore I love Your testimonies.

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...

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers, and by Your mercy bring light to our darkened hearts; You who live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

C: ♪ Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

OLD TESTAMENT READING EXODUS 32:30-35

Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." **31** Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! **32** "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." **33** And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. **34** "Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin." **35** So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.

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

EPISTLE READING ROMANS 8:1-9

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

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **4** that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Adelaide Hope Naumann

OUR CONFESSION 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON GRACE UPON GRACE

At this time we invite children from PrK-6th Grade to come to the front of the church for a special message from the pastor.

**Hymn 272 TLH (Red Hymnal)
When All the World was Cursed**

SERMON JOHN 1:15-18 ESV

15 John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" **16** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION IS REVEALED

1. The Baptist Reveals the Christ
2. The Prophet reveals the Law
3. The Only-Begotten reveals Grace and Truth

*Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann
Sermon Notes Sheet in Entryway*

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE 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.**

Hymn 352 TLH (Red Hymnal)

O Savior, Precious Savior

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

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

Congregational Response: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 777 WS (Tan Hymnal)

Amazing Grace

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(DEC. 1, 4 & 5 REPORTED)

Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)

\$20,689.51 Current Expenses General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$90 Preschool Fund

\$363.49 MPF Floor Replacement

\$2,980 Advent Season

\$715 ILS Student Aid

\$40 Land Purchase Fund

\$15 Mankato Foundation

\$60 Benevolent

\$90 Preschool Fund

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$739 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$ 105.50 CLC Kinship

Memorial:

In Memory of LaDonna Boettcher

\$5000 Land Purchase Fund

Saturday Worship 12/4: **41**

Saturday Sunday School: **2**

Saturday Bible Study: **10**

Sunday Worship 12/5: **217**

Sunday School: **26**

Sunday Bible Study: **40**

Ambassadors: **5**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	3
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	7
Realife	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Tuesday	Study	Quarantine
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	Quarantine
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	Resu. in Jan.
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	5
College study	No	7:00 PM	Every other Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	16
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	Storm c
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	14
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	3rd, 5th Friday	Worship	
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	12
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:					71

Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!

THIS WEEK

- Sat Dec. 11 6:00p** **WORSHIP**, In-Person
7:00p Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- Sun Dec. 12 9:00a** Adult Bible Class & Ambassadors
9:00a Christmas Eve Practice
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a **WORSHIP**, In-Person or Live Stream
Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
11:00a Choir Practice
- Mon Dec. 13** God Bless Your Week!
7:00p Christmas Concert
- Tues Dec. 14 3-5p** Pastors Office Hours (*let him know if you need a visit*)
4:30p PTO Kiwanas Volunteer Night
5:30p 3rd Pastor Committee Meeting
6:30p Deacons Meeting
7:00p Board of Education Meeting
7:00p Board of Property Meeting
7:30p Board of Finance Meeting
8:00p Council Meeting
- Wed Dec. 15 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
2:00p Ladies Auxiliary Meeting- Church Basement
5:30p Catechism Class
6:00p Midweek Advent Service
- Thur Dec. 16 5:00p** Home Game- Boys JV Basketball vs South Metro
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7*
6:30p Home Game- Girls Varsity Basketball vs South Metro
8:00p Home Game- Boys Varsity Basketball vs South Metro
- Fri Dec. 17 6:30a** Men's Breakfast
- Sat Dec. 18 10-2p** Basement & Kitchen Reserved- Private Event
6:00p **WORSHIP**, In- Person- 3rd Sunday Communion
7:00p Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- Sun Dec. 19 9:00a** Adult Bible Class & Ambassadors
9:00a Christmas Eve Practice
9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
10:00a **WORSHIP** In-Person or Live Stream- 3rd Sunday Communion
11:00a Choir Practice
3:00p Ladies Ugly Sweater Party

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT 2021 During our Advent meditation this year we will be studying the different aspects of the gift of life given to us by the Christchild. He has given us our physical life through His creation and gift of parents. He has given us spiritual life through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. Finally, He will give (or has given?) the gift of eternal life with Him in Heaven. Please join us, Wednesdays at 6pm (December 1, 8, 15) for this important preparation for the coming of our Savior.

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. tjwilliams@outlook.com

BUDGET UPDATE We will need **\$45,719.75** per week till the end of the year to make our yearly budget. Please consider this need in your giving.

UGLY SWEATER PARTY Ladies of Immanuel! You are all invited to an Ugly Sweater Party in the church basement on **December 19th at 3pm!** Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the fun! There will be games, and prizes for the ugliest sweater! Once fun has been had we will work together to fill the Christmas Eve bags for the Children's Service. Please join us!

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING All women at Immanuel are invited to our Ladies Auxiliary for bible study, and fellowship. We will meet at 2:00 PM, **Wednesday December 15th** in the basement. Please use the south entry/parking lot entrance. This is our Annual Christmas cookie exchange. Please bring two dozen cookies to share.

READ THE BIBLE IN 2022 Looking for a worthwhile and meaningful New Year's Resolution for 2022? This year Pastor Naumann has planned a church wide opportunity to read the Bible together. Pamphlets will be available for you to take home and track your readings so that you will read the entire Bible during 2022. Each day amounts to reading 3-4 chapters of Holy Scripture. We are also encouraging you to sign up to show your commitment to reading God's Word this year. The signup sheet and pamphlets should be available next week. God promises to bless the reading and hearing of His Word, so we know that He will bless all of us as we pursue this valuable endeavor!

KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHT VOLUNTEERS

The PTO is still in need of volunteers for the Kiwanis Holiday Lights. This event gives recognition to the school on the night we work! It is also a fundraiser because organizations who help receive a share of the donations. If you are able to help volunteer your time please sign up on using this online form: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RvHKfWyb3AK32eyiepnQm5GNWj_uqTxG3Xins-XBkhhc/edit#gid=0

Time and Talents Survey: Our church leaders sent out a Time and Talents Survey in the beginning of November. Please check your emails for this, and take a few moments to fill it out. This survey helps us keep our church records updated, and helps support the boards and committees that keep Immanuel functioning with fresh lists of volunteers. If you did not receive the survey please let the church secretary know.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN <> After 24 years of teaching at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, Susan Rehm has asked for a peaceful release from her call effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

2022 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP The leaders of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Zambia are very eager and excited to host volunteers again in 2022. The deadline for applications for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa this summer is **January 10th**. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa

CURRENT CLC AFRICA MISSION TRIPS Pastor John Hein and Missionary Todd Ohlmann have both been visiting CLC mission fields in Africa. You can watch Pastor Hein's Bible Class presentation about the visit to Liberia at: <https://clcgracelutheranchurch.org/20211128bc>. Missionary Ohlmann has been in Tanzania for about a month. He will return home on Dec. 10th. Read about the Tanzania visit: <http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/>

✓ Church Fellowship True Doctrine

United by confession: It is God's will that Christians be united in their confession of all that the Bible teaches before joining in the practice of religious fellowship (worshiping, praying, and celebrating Lord's Supper together) or engaging in church work. **1 Corinthians 1:10, Philipians 2:1-2, Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Romans 15:5-6, 16:17-18.**

A False teacher is one who holds to a teaching contrary to the Word of God as a confession/profession of their faith. That holding doesn't necessarily damn to hell, but it certainly doesn't build up the body of Christ nor should be tolerated. (**Acts 20:28-30, Romans 16:17-20, Galatians 5:7-10, 2 Peter 2:1-2,**).

A Weak brother is one who has stumbled into error, does not seek to involve or approve others in their error, and is willing to be instructed from the Word of God (**Galatians 6:1, Romans 15:1.**

(compare "Religious Unionism" and "Mission of the Church" below)

✗ Church Fellowship False Doctrine

United by church: Christians may engage in worship and joint church work with no regard for teaching differences and variations in religious belief. It is not necessary or possible for Christians to be united in their confession of all that the Bible teaches. Differences of opinion on what the Bible teaches should be tolerated within the church. [RC, ELCA, tolerated in LC-MS, REF, many others]

(compare "Religious Unionism" and "Mission of the Church" below)

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE AT IMMANUEL
immanuelmankato.org/home/about/what-the-bible-says/

Come join us to...

Rejoice

...at Jesus' birth! (Luke 1:14)

Dec. 24, 6p Children's Christmas

Dec. 31, 6p New Year's Eve

Dec. 25, 10a Christmas Day

Jan. 1, 10a New Year's Day

Preaching "Christ crucified" for over 150 years!



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K-8th grade school, 9-12 High School

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