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2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel <> **DEACON** Ty Hanel<> **ORGANIST** Bonnie Cornish <>
SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt **USHERS** Karl Friedrichs, Kyle Hulke, Aaron Busse, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hgen, Andrew Lentz, Austin Lien, Gary Mittlesteadt, Alan Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Alex Schmitt, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Ross Theneman

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel <> **DEACON** Ross Theneman<> **ORGANIST** Lane Fischer <>
SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Austin Lien **USHERS** Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Orrin Gessner, Scott Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Daniel Pfeffier, Kaleb Rhiger, Mike Schweim, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams

COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE

INVOCATION *we invoke ("call upon") the name of our triune god.*

Pastor (P): We begin our worship service today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen!

P: Let us pray:

All: I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen!

**Opening Hymn 106 v 1, 4-7 TLH (Red Hymnal)
The People That in Darkness Sat**

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST READING GENESIS 4:3-16

And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. **4** Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, **5** but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. **6** So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **7** "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. **9** Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. **11** "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." **13** And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than

I can bear! **14** "Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." **15** And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. **16** Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 94:1-14

P: O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs--

C: O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

P: Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

C: LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

P: They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

C: They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.

P: They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

C: Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

P: Understand, you senseless among the people;

C: And you fools, when will you be wise?

P: He who planted the ear, shall He not hear?

C: He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

P: He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?

C: The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.

P: Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, And teach out of Your law,

C: That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked.

P: For the LORD will not cast off His people,

C: Nor will He forsake His inheritance. Amen!

2ND READING MATTHEW 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." **3**

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: **6** `But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel."

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." **9** When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. **11** And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day
Coventry Carol

Coventry Carol

Renaissance carol

Lul-ly, lul - lay, Thou lit-tle ti-ny Child,

By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay. 1. O sis-ters
2. Her - od the
3. That woe is

too, how may we do, For to pre-
king, in his rag - ing, Charged he
me, poor child for thee! And ev-er

serve this day This poor young -
hath this day His men of
mourn and may For Thy part -

ling for whom we sing By, by,
might, in his own sight, All young
ing nei-ther say nor sing, By, by,

(3)
lul - ly, lul - lay?
chil - dren to slay. Lul-ly, lul - lay, Thou
lul - ly, lul - lay.

lit-tle ti-ny Child, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay.

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SERMON MEDITATION ROMANS 12:9-21

- 9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- 10** Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; **13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
- 14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. **16** Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
- 17** Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
- 20** Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Prescriptions from our Prince of Peace - Jesus Christ

VERSE	PRESCRIPTION	US	JESUS
9	Love without Hypocrisy	Matthew 7:5	
10-13	Give Preference to one Another		Philippians 2:5-8
14-16	Let Your Light Shine		John 12:27-28
17-19	Live Peaceably with All		John 14:27
20-21	Overcome Evil with Good	Matthew 5:44	

*Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel
Sermon Notes Sheets in the Entryway*

OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 22

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 96:1,3,4 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Oh, Rejoice, ye Christians, Loudly

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- GENERAL PRAYER- LORD'S PRAYER

**OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS**

P: In keeping with the words of the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 10:16,
"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

As well as in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, which cautions us that:
"Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

Let us then, humbly, examine our hearts:

1. Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? – Then declare it by saying, "I do confess."

C: I do confess.

2. Do you humbly seek the Lord's forgiveness, believing that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all of your sins? – Then declare it by saying: "I do believe."

C: I do believe.

P: Be assured, your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus' sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. As the Word of God declares:

"For God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21)

The Lord comfort your hearts. In Jesus, you are forgiven!

3. Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the

wine in this blessed sacrament? -- Then declare it by saying: "By faith I do recognize, and believe."

C: By faith I do recognize, and believe.

4. Finally, as a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the strength of God the Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles and leads you away from our Lord? – Then declare it by saying: "I do so intend, with the help of Christ.

C: I do so intend, with the help of Christ.

P: Receive then this sacrament with joy, comfort, and peace!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: May this peace of the Lord be with you always!

ALL: Amen!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
As With Gladness Men of Old -TLH 127
Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared- TLH 306
Bright and Glorious is the Sky- WS 717

Our Practice of Close Communion	Communing
<p>A Holy Sacrament - Holy Communion is correctly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity - God's Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion - We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).</p> <p>Visitors - If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. We'd love to have you!</p>	<p>Kneeling rail - Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pew on either side. The pastors will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony - Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction - Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the Pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.</p> <p>Gluten Free / Non-alcoholic grape wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord's Table.</p> <p>Dispose cup - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.</p>

♪ **Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

P: The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. (Psalms 29:11)

Congregational Response: ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn 659 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy**

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(DEC. 24, 25, 26 REPORTED)

Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)

\$37,599.07 Current Expenses General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$70 Preschool Fund

\$100 MPF Floor Replacement

\$720 ILS Student Aid

\$60 Land Purchase Fund

\$20 Benevolent

Memorials:

In Memory of Dr David Menton

\$100 Immanuel Lutheran HS

\$5,000 Gym Floor

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$594 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$4 CLC Kinship

\$100 CLC MDF (Missions)

Saturday Worship 12/25: **26**

Christmas Eve Service: **373**

Christmas Day Service: **154**

Sunday Worship 12/26: **130**

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan. 1	10:00a	New Years Day Worship- Song Service
	6:00p	WORSHIP , In-Person- Communion
Sun Jan. 2	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP , In-Person or Live Stream- Communion Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Tues Jan. 4	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours <i>(let them know if you need a visit)</i>
	7:00p	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed Jan. 5	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Com #7
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
Thur Jan. 6	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
Fri Jan. 7	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Jan. 8	6:00p	WORSHIP , In- Person
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan. 9	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	Church Choir Practice

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 are available in the narthex 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 in the narthex to show your commitment to reading God's Word this year. If you are unable to get a pamphlet, please contact Pastor Naumann and he will provide you with one. 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!

WHITEWATER 2022 INFO Dates: January 28-30th 2022

Ages: High School thru 2nd year of college students **Cost:** \$60 per Camper
What is Whitewater? Whitewater is an opportunity for outside play and old-fashioned 'wrestlin' in the snow, hiking on the bluffs, relaying by the fire in the cabin, playing games, studying God's Word, relaxed time with friends old and new. Whitewater is a chance to 'rough it' just a little bit- but not too much. Whitewater is a weekend of fun, adventure, growth and much more! Please make checks out to: Immanuel Ambassadors and drop it with Amanda in the school office along with a registration form. Or [Click here for Online Registration form \(required to attend\)](#). Please submit your registration by Friday, Jan. 21st. Payment **DUE before** leaving.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO <> Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has been called by Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 -8, beginning with the 2022 school year <> ILC Professor John Ude has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN<> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, is still considering the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE

NOMINATION FOR ILC PRESIDENT The Board of Regents announces the following and only person nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2024. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding this candidate are to be received by March 15, 2022 (postmarked by March 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

GET ON THE ARK Pastor Emeritus Dan Fleischer has published another wonderful devotional entitled "Get on the Ark." Copies are \$10 a piece if you order now. Please sign up and indicate how many copies you would like in the entryway. Pastor Fleischer describes his book: *"The individual Christian and the Church today live in a world similar to Noah's time that moved the Lord to send the cataclysmic flood from which only Noah and his family were saved. Get on the Ark is not a novel. It is devotional as well as an alert to God's people to discern the times, and through faithful study of the Word of God to nourish their faith, their confidence, and their hope, in the Lord Jesus as they anticipate the Lord's return. Christian readers are urged without delay to get into the Word-- Get on the Ark--through which the Lord carries His children through the storms of life to the blessed peace of heaven."*

2022 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from Tanzania and reports that there are many new opportunities for Child Evangelism, especially among the Maasai tribes. The pastors of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Zambia are very eager and excited to host volunteers again in July of 2022. The deadline for applications is January 10th. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa

✔ Creation True Doctrine

God created the world in six days by the power of His Word. The story of the creation, as recorded in Genesis 1, is a historical fact. See also Exodus 20:11, Hebrews 11:3.

Each of the creation days was an ordinary 24-hour day. Genesis 1, Exodus 20:11.

Adam and Eve were real historical persons. Genesis 1:26-27, Matthew 19:4.

✘ Creation False Doctrine

The account of the creation in Genesis 1 is a myth. Evolution is a possible explanation for how our world originated. [tolerated in ELCA, many others]

The creation days were long periods of time. [tolerated in ELCA, others]

Adam and Eve were mythical characters, not historical persons. [tolerated in ELCA, others]

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