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For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. *2 Corinthians 7:9*

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel <> **DEACON** Tim Williams <> **ORGANIST** Karla Olmanson <>

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt <> **USHERS** Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Andrew Lentz, Austin Lien, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Alex Schmitt, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Ross Theneman, Philip Stelter

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann <> **DEACON** Ty Hanel <> **ORGANIST** Collen Kranz <> **SCREEN**

(Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt <> **USHERS** Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Orrin Gessner, Scott Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Daniel Pfeiffer, Kaleb Rhiger, Mike Schweim, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Hymn 719 WS (Tan Hymnal)
Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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

Pastor (P): We begin this Communion Service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C):  **Amen!**

WE PRAISE OUR LORD

INTROIT PSALM 119:25-28

P: My soul clings to the dust;

C: Revive me according to Your word.

P: I have declared my ways, and You answered me;

C: Teach me Your statutes.

P: Make me understand the way of Your precepts;

C: So shall I meditate on Your wondrous works.

P: My soul melts from heaviness;

C: Strengthen me according to Your word! Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON LEVITICUS 18:1-5

As Christians, we are to be different from the world. God's followers in the Old Testament were to be unlike both the people of Egypt and the people of Canaan. They were to be like the LORD. The same is true of God's followers today and throughout all time. We are to joyfully and proudly reflect the LORD's glory which He reveals in Christ.

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'I am the LORD your God. **3** 'According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. **4** 'You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. **5** 'You shall therefore keep My

statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GRADUAL PSALM 119:29-32

P: Remove from me the way of lying,

C: And grant me Your law graciously.

P: I have chosen the way of truth;

C: Your judgments I have laid before me.

P: I cling to Your testimonies;

C: O LORD, do not put me to shame!

P: I will run the course of Your commandments,

C: For You shall enlarge my heart.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON MARK 9:1-9

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

The disciples had been with Jesus for almost three years and had confessed Him as the Christ. He had repeatedly told them that He was going to Jerusalem where He would suffer, die and rise again. But this was both troubling and confusing for them. Seeing Jesus transfigured, and seeing and hearing Moses and Elijah speak about Jesus' work would be a further validation for them as they saw these things fulfilled.

1 And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." **2** Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. **3** His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. **4** And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. **5** Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- **6** because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. **7** And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" **8** Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. **9** Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH 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 135 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

SERMON TEXT 2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-18

[7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.]

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech — 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day,

when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **16** Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Our Glorious Ministry in Christ!

- **Proclaimed without a veil (v 12-16)**
- **Seen with believing hearts (v 16-18)**

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

**Sermon Hymn 359 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Christ, Whose Glory fills the Skies**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

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 MEDITATION: 'O WONDEROUS TYPE'

[ENSEMBLE SINGS VERSES 1-4 CONGREGATION JOINS IN VERSE 5]

**O Father, with th' eternal Son
And Holy Spirit, ever One,
Vouchsafe to bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.**

**Offering Hymn 400 v 1,6 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Take My Life and Let it Be**

**Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all, for Thee.**
SPECIAL PRAYERS- GENERAL PRAYER- LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20), the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), and the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 11:24).
What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

ALL: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #315:1]*

**I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able, To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!**

P: But where is this written?

ALL: The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:

P: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'

ALL: In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

P: 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #315:6]*

**Weary am I and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously, and gladden, My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!**

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

ALL: The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

P: For where there is forgiveness of sins,

ALL: There is also life and salvation!

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #315:9]*

**What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.**

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

THE POWER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

ALL: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this.

P: These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.

ALL: Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal #315:11]

**Thy body given for me O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!**

THE RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

ALL: Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.

P: However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

ALL: Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal #315:13]

**Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!**

Distribution Hymns 307; 372; 138; 316 (Red Hymnal)

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>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>

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).

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!

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.

Gluten Free / Non-alcoholic grape wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord's Table.

Dispose cup - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

ALL: Amen!

**Closing Hymn 54 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(JAN. 29 & 30 REPORTED)

Budgetary

\$7,363 Current Expenses General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$865 ILS Student Aid

\$15 Foundation

\$20 Benevolent fund

\$50 MPF Free Will

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$695 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$5 CLC Kinship

Memorial:

In Memory of Dr. David Menton

\$50 *Undesignated*

Saturday Worship 1/29: **38**
Saturday Sunday School: **2**
Saturday Bible Class: **5**

Sunday Worship 1/30: **184**
Sunday School: **24**
Sunday Bible Class: **45**
Ambassadors:

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	Quarantine

Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	7
Realife	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
Women's Study Guild	Yes	6:30 PM	3rd Tuesday	Study	Quarantine
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	6
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	4
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	14
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	6
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2nd Thursday	Worship	Quarantine
College study	No	7:00 PM	Every other Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	21
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	Quarantine
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	Quarantine
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:					69
<i>Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!</i>					

THIS WEEK

Sat Feb 5	6:00p	WORSHIP , In-Person- Communion Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Feb 6	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- Communion Weekend
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
	11:00a	Choir Practice
Mon Feb 7	4:00p	Boys JV Home Game vs Willmar
	5:30p	Girls V Home Game vs Willmar
	7:00p	Boys V Home Game vs Willmar
Tues Feb 8	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours <i>(let them know if you need a visit)</i>
	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 Feb 9	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Com #7
	5:30p	Catechism Class
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
Thur Feb 10	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours <i>(let them know if you need a visit)</i>
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	Girls V Home Game vs Shattuck St Mary's
	7:30p	Boys V Home Game vs Shattuck St Mary's
Fri Feb 11	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Feb 12	6:00p	WORSHIP , In- Person
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School

Sun Feb 13 **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
10:00a High School Choir Sings
11:00a **No** Choir Practice Today

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE During these challenging times, we are aware that a number of our members are staying home and participating through online worship. However, it is still important that you continue to receive the body and blood of Christ for your personal forgiveness and fellowship with your fellow believers. Our pastors want you to know that they are ready and available to bring your communion at home. Please contact one of the pastors or the church office to schedule a time for this important sacrament.

READ THE BIBLE The daily readings for our Read the Bible in 2022 program are now being posted every day right on our website, ImmanuelMankato.org. With a few clicks of your mouse you can pull the Daily Bible Readings right up on your computer or phone. You can even leave a comment or a question. This is a great way for us to come together as we read God's Word individually. Check it out!

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING Sunday, Feb. 13th there will be a special voters meeting following service. The only agenda item will be to approve spending to replace a pipe from the church office bathroom. Approximate cost is \$6,000.

NEEDED: ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH AND APRIL The sign-up for weekends is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex. Throughout winter months, volunteers may provide fresh flowers or simply ensure one of our artificial flower arrangements is placed on the altar for services. Please consider volunteering. Questions? Email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or call Kristen at 507-382-5257.

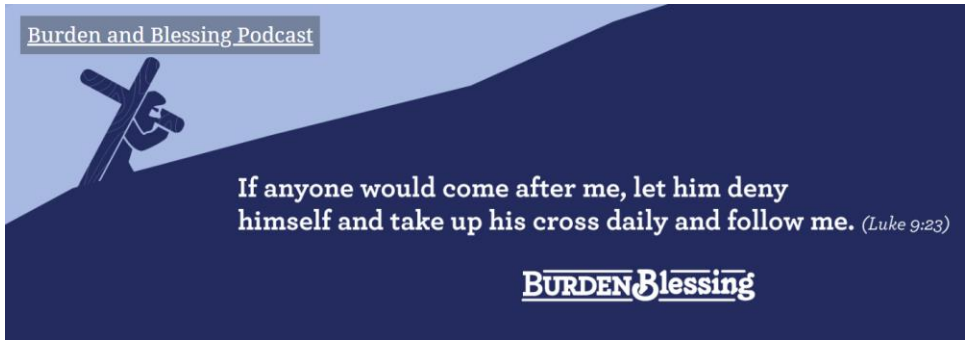
MEET YOUR FACULTY Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be highlighting our faculty in our weekly podcasts. Your called servants have been entrusted with caring for and educating the children of God at Immanuel Lutheran School. We thank them for their tireless work! Get to know them by listening in to the [Twin Steeples Podcast](#) every week.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLC CALL NEWS January 31 – February 5, 2022: Teacher Michaela Winters of Messiah Lutheran School, Hale Corners, WI, *has returned* the call to be the lower grade of teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove

Heights, MN. + Mrs. Dawn Mayhew *has received* the call to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. Mrs. Mayhew is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, is *still considering* the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

MISSION HELPER TRIP The Mission Helper program is sending a team of CLC members to East Africa. One of our own members, Bob Heller, has volunteered to go on this important trip in order to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! Please keep Bob and team in your prayers as they prepare. If you would like to financially contribute, you can designate your offerings to the "Mission Helper Program."



Burden and Blessing Podcast

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

BURDEN Blessing

Skeptics Series | He/She was such a good person, why would God let them suffer? February 2, 2022

The Skeptic or Skeptical Christian might respond to the loss of a loved one, "**He/She was such a good person, why would God let them suffer like that?**" Explore the depths of this question today by considering why we can't always understand God's timing and bigger picture (Isaiah 55:8-9), how God is always trying to draw a person and family closer to Him (Pro. 3:5-6), and in comparing that temporary suffering to the eternal suffering Jesus endured for us all to give us peace in life and death. We pray the Lord would bring you this peace again today!

Psalm 34 Devotion January 31, 2022

This brief meditation captures the devotional thoughts from the Psalm 34 Bible study from January 28, 2022.

✓ Holy Communion True Doctrine ✓

A Sacrament is a sacred act: not what we do for God, but what He does for us! Communion means "sharing or participating together"

Communion (Real Presence): The body and blood of Christ are miraculously present in the Lord's Supper in, with, and under the earthly elements, bread and wine. [Matthew 26:26-28](#), [Mark 14:22-24](#), [Luke 22:18-20](#), [1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:24-25](#).

Communion with Christ: In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives the blessing of the forgiveness of sins to all believing communicants. God blesses each believing communicant with the gift of salvation (eternal life in heaven) along with the gift of forgiveness. [Luke 1:77](#).

Communion with Confessional Christians: When Christians commune with each other they give expression to the Spirit-worked like-minded unity of faith they share. The practice of close communion is out of love and concern for the believer and their soul, even among our own members (see definition below). [John 17:20-23](#); [Romans 5:5-6, 16:17-20](#); [1 Corinthians 1:10, 10:17, 11:27-29](#).

Close(d) Communion - There are those who say differences in teachings aren't really that important. However, the LORD gives both Old Testament regulations in regards to the Passover ([Exodus 12:43-51](#)) and New Testament examples of this truth ([1 Timothy 1:18-20](#); [Romans 16:17](#)). We practice Close(d) Communion out of love and concern for the believer and their soul, even among our own members ([1 Corinthians 11:27-29](#)).

⊗ Holy Communion False Doctrine >

- The earthly elements bread and wine only symbolize Jesus' body and blood (Representation). [REF]
- The bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ (Transubstantiation). [RC]
- The blessing of the forgiveness of sins is only symbolized in the Lord's Supper. Salvation is not a blessing conveyed to communicants in the Sacrament. [REF]
- Communicants receive the blessings of God's love by the outward act of receiving the Lord's Supper. The blessings of God's love are obtained by the good work of communing. [RC]
- When the Lord's Supper is celebrated all who are present are eligible to commune, even when they are not united in their beliefs and confession (open communion). [ELCA, REF, tolerated in LC-MS]

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