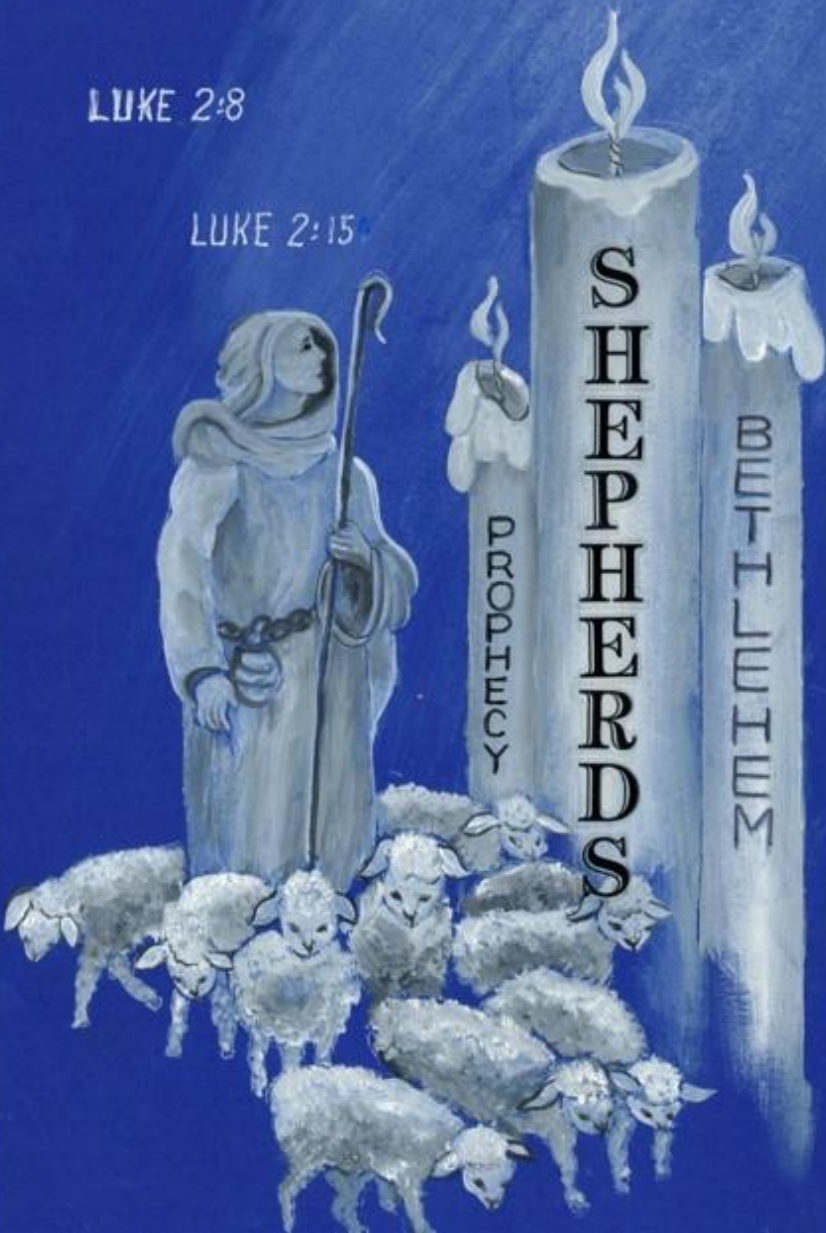
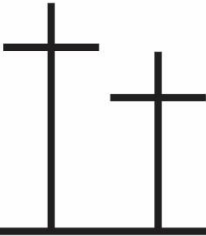


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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday in the Season of
Advent

VISITOR INFORMATION

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the narthex.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on call this weekend (wearing a "Deacon" badge) or one of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe here.
Or visit our website, ImmanuelMankato.org.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 18 “Lord, We Come Before Thee Now”

Confession and Absolution 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!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85:9-13

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

C: That glory may dwell in our land.

P: Mercy and truth have met together;

C: Righteousness and peace have kissed.

P: Truth shall spring out of the earth,

C: And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

P: Yes, the LORD will give what is good;

C: And our land will yield its increase.

P: Righteousness will go before Him,

C: And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

P: Glory be to God!

The Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father

♪ 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.

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: LSB 820

♪ 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!'

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

Prayer of the Day

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.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 3:1-10

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here. 8 `Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My

Servant the BRANCH. 9 For behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.'"

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

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

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

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

Confession of Faith

Apostles' 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

On Trial

Hymn of the Day

TLH 645 "Behold, a Branch is Growing"

Sermon

Matthew 11:2-10

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶ "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." ⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

Did You Find Everything You Were Looking For?

1. True Answers
2. Real Action
3. Deep Meaning

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

TLH p12

♪ 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 TLH 383:1-3 “Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way”

Offering of Thankful Hearts

The General Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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 peace.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn TLH 47 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH <u>(DEC 3-4 & 7 REPORTED)</u> Budgetary <u>\$26,707.43</u> Current Expenses Non-Budgetary <u>\$2,935</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$60</u> Land Purchase <u>\$15</u> ILS Foundation <u>\$60</u> Benevolent <u>\$182.43</u> Gym Floor Contributions <u>\$140</u> Preschool Fund <u>\$680</u> Thanksgiving <u>\$1,295.01</u> Advent	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>\$478</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$150</u> CLC MDF (Missions) <u>\$150</u> CLC Kinship
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Saturday Worship 12/3: 64

Sunday Worship 12/4: 278

Sunday School: 25

Ambassadors: 6

Midweek Advent 2pm: 162

Midweek Advent 6pm: 66

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	10
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	11
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	14
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	19
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	18
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	18
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					141
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 10	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Dec 11	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
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
	3-5p	Ugly Sweater Party!
Mon Dec 12		Blessings on your week!
	7:00p	ILHS Christmas Concert
Tues Dec 13	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
	5:00p	BJV v South Metro @ Home
	6:30p	GV v South Metro @ Home
	6:30p	Deacons Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Finance Board Meeting
	8:00p	BV v South Metro @ Home
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed Dec 14	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	2:00p	Midweek Advent Service
	3:00p	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Midweek Advent Service
Thur Dec 15	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri Dec 16	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	8:25a	Christmas Eve Practice
Sat Dec 17	6:00p	WORSHIP, In- Person 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Dec 18	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 3 rd Sunday
	1-6p	MPF & Basement Reserved- Private Event

Save the Dates- December

ILHS Christmas Concert- 7pm December 12th

Christmas Eve Program- 6pm December 24th

Christmas Day Worship- 10am December 25th

New Year's Eve Worship- 6pm December 31st

Save the Dates- January

New Year's Day Service- 10am January 1st

Annual Voters Meeting- 7pm January 16th

Whitewater Trip- January 27-29th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 CALENDARS Women's Study Guild is selling 2023 wall calendars for \$8.00 each. An information poster, signup sheet, and payment box are in the narthex. Calendars will be delivered in person or in church mailboxes as payment is received. Calendars are available as supplies last. Thank you for supporting Study Guild service projects.

BULLETIN COVER The bulletin cover today was created by Marlys Leiding! Thank you Marlys! This picture depicts the third candle- which is known as the 'Shepherd's Candle' and it symbolizes the Joy of the message first heard by the shepherds, and their response in praising God!

WHITEWATER Date January 27-29 Ages: High School to Sophomores in College Cost: \$70 per camper (\$80 from Eau Claire). Make checks out to Immanuel Ambassadors. Please give both your fee and registration form to our school secretary, Mrs. Harris, by January 22nd. Click here for Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/Pk1NEwgCrijxvzCC9>

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, has accepted the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL <> Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, has received the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA



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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Ted Schreyer

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst

(Sun.) Austin Lien

COVER ART Marlys Leiding

USHERS Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Orrin Gessner, Logan Greve, Jeremy Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Alex Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Jacob Olmanson, Daniel Pfeffier, Daryl Fischner, Mike Schweim, Brian Stearns, Ian Stearns

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Neal Radichel

DEACON Mark Matzke

ORGANIST Lane Fischer

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(Sun.) Russ Schmitt

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