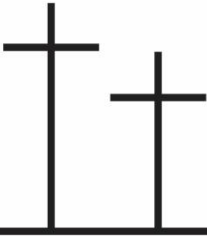


**IN THE COLD AND SNOW
OF WINTER**

**THERE'S A SPRING
THAT WAITS TO BE**

**UNREVEALED UNTIL
ITS' SEASON**

**SOMETHING GOD ALONE
CAN SEE**



welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday before Lent

Sexagesima

Latin for sixtieth (about sixty days before Easter)

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 corner of 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 NARRATED SERVICE

Copies of the Narration are in the Entryway if you'd like to follow along or keep. Based on the Lutheran Hymnal, pg 15ff

1. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Narration

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 30:4-12a

Narrator (N): Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. **5** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. **6** As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." **7** By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. **8** To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: **9** "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? **10** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!" **11** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, **12** that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

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 427:1-4 "How Firm a Foundation"

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! Based on Select Verses of Psalm 74

2. WE WELCOME OUR LORD

Narration

INTROIT

Based on Select Verses of Psalm 74

A collection of passages that sets the tone for the service.

P: Have regard for the covenant, O Lord; let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

C: Arise, O God, defend your cause; do not forget the clamor of your foes.

P: O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

C: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,

P: Which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.

C: Do not forget the life of your poor forever. Let the poor and needy praise Your name.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

Narration

♪ **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

Latin for "O Lord"

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Hymn 237 (v1)

C: ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

Narration

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

3. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

Narration

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:11-12

The prophet Amos was sent to the people of Israel in a very dark time. The people had rejected the LORD and put their trust in idols. They lived wicked lives that were selfish and not self-less. God was going to bring judgment on them because of their sin and rebellion. In Amos' key prophecy, he announces God's ultimate judgment: famine. Not a famine of wheat or corn, but of the Word of God. It was a dire warning, both for Israel and for us today. Don't despise God and His Word.

11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD,
"That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of
bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of
the LORD. **12** They shall wander from sea to sea, And from
north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word
of the LORD, But shall not find it.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

One of the most dangerous tools in the devil's arsenal is pride. He tempts us to think highly of ourselves and our accomplishments over that of others. We can and should be thankful for our strengths because those come from the LORD, but Paul reminds us that we should not boast in our strengths, but rather in our weaknesses. Why? Because it is through our weaknesses that the LORD's strength shines through! It is in our weakness that we have to trust in the LORD and His strength in our lives.

19 For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! **20** For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. **21** To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in

whatever anyone is bold-- I speak foolishly-- I am bold also. **22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. **23** Are they ministers of Christ?-- I speak as a fool-- I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. **24** From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; **26** in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; **27** in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness-- **28** besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. **29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? **30** If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. **31** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. **32** In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; **33** but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

12:1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: **2** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a one was caught up to the third heaven. **3** And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- **4** how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **5** Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. **6** For

though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. **7** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Narration

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

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.

Narration

Hymn of the Day

TLH 427:5-7 "How Firm a Foundation"

Narration

4 And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: **5** "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. **6** "Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. **7** "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. **8** "But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" **10** And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' **11** "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. **12** "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. **13** "But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. **14** "Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. **15** "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

The Soil, the Seed, and Your Savior in Between

- Jesus, your Sower *sows* His Word recklessly!
- Jesus, your Savior *reaps* His harvest joyfully!

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

4. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Narration

OFFERTORY

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 Thy free spirit. Amen.

Narration

Sermon Hymn

WS 781 “Preach You the Word”

Narration

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

“The Night Song” by CityAlight

In the darkness God will keep me
He will stay and never sleep
In the darkness God is brighter
Though the night is long and deep

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

In the shadows You are with me
And You know my ev'ry fear
In the shadows none can harm me
For the mighty King is here

So I find my rest in Jesus
He who came to rescue me
Jesus saved me from the darkness
I will rise to life with Him

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Offering Response *507:1, 6 Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Narration

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.**

5. OUR LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

Narration

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 His countenance upon you and give you
peace.

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Narration

Closing Hymn

TLH 49 "Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast"

Narration

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
<u>(FEB 4-5 REPORTED)</u>	\$570 CLC General Budget (CBP)
<i>Budgetary</i>	\$250 CLC MDF (Missions)
\$9,943 General Fund	\$105 CLC Kinship
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	\$160 ILC Building
\$130 Major Improvement	<i>Memorials:</i>
\$100 ILS Student Aid	In Memory of Catherine Bonde
\$130 Land Purchase	\$100 Designated Memo
\$15 ILS Foundation	
\$40 Benevolent	

Saturday Worship 2/4: **64**
 Saturday Bible Class: **17**

Sunday Worship 2/5: **164**
 Sunday Bible Class: **42**
 Ambassadors: **2**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	9
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	7
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	14
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	6
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	16
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	11
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	8
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	3
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	23
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					139
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Feb 11	5:00p	Immanuel Women Who Hike
	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Feb 12	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	10:00a	WORSHIP
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon Feb 13		Blessings on your week!
	4:30p	5 & 6 th Girls vs St Paul's Truman @ Home
	5:30p	5&6 th Boys vs St Paul's Truman @ Home
Tues Feb 14		Happy Valentine's Day!
	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
Wed Feb 15	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:30p	Deacons Meeting
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Thur Feb 16	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri Feb 17	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Feb 18	6:00p	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Feb 19	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	10:00a	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grade School Jamboree- February 19th

Ash Wednesday- February 22nd

Red Cross Blood Drive- March 10th

Arts Camp- March 24-26th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT 2023 This year marks the 250th anniversary of the writing of one of the Christian Church's most beloved hymns, "Amazing Grace." Written by John Newton, a disreputable slave trader turned evangelical minister, "Amazing Grace" speaks to the incredible love that God has shown to each one of us through the work of His own Son, Jesus Christ. During our Lenten meditations this year we will be looking at how the amazing grace of God worked in the

hearts and lives of both Old Testament and New Testament believers. We will see their sinful natures and we will see how God's amazing grace completely changed their lives by paying for their sins and crediting them with Jesus' righteousness. Please plan to join us for this important study of God's "Amazing Grace."

Midweek Services are held at **2pm & 7pm** throughout the Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday - John Newton

Week 2 - King David

Week 3 - The Prophet Isaiah

Week 4 - The Blind Man

Week 5 - The Woman at the Well

Week 6 - The Apostle Paul

Maundy Thursday - The Apostle Peter

Good Friday - The Penitent Thief

ARTS CAMP 2023 Registration for Arts Camp 2023 opens Monday, February 6. Camp will take place on the campus of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN and will run from March 24-26. Arts camp is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a wide variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more. Arts Camp is open to students in grades 5-8. Register at: <https://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/> Registration ends March 13. Email artscamp@immanuelmankato.org with any questions. Thank you!

HOUSING NEEDED A family of three from out of town are volunteering to help with Arts Camp this year and are looking for housing with an Immanuel Family. They would not need meals, just a room to stay for the husband, wife, and 3rd grade daughter. If you can accommodate them, please reach out to Amber Casto or Pastor Naumann. Thank you for considering!

CAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Our annual high school Christian Athletic League (CAL) Basketball Tournament is coming up March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Information about the basketball tournament (i.e. game locations, game times, etc.) can be found online at:

<https://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/cal/>

Please Note: Saturday's location has changed from previous years. All games on Saturday, March 4th will be played at Prairie Winds Middle School – 1200 Prairie Winds Drive, Mankato.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help monitor halls, help clean up, and work in the concession stand (We do ask that all students 8th grade and under who wish to work in the concession stand sign up with a parent/guardian). Also, food donations of ground beef and monetary donations toward boneless, skinless chicken breast are appreciated. Signup sheets for volunteers and donations will be available in the school office. Please contact Amanda Harris at 345-3027 or secretary@immanuelmankato.org to sign up. Signup sheets will also be available after church on Saturdays and Sundays, February 18/19, and 25/26.

Tournament Passes

Tournament passes (wristbands) will be distributed to members of the Immanuel congregation at no charge to show our appreciation for your support of our athletic program. Non-member volunteers will also receive complimentary passes. Passes must be picked up after church on the dates listed above or in the school office through Wednesday, March 2nd. Spectators and volunteers must present a pass or pay the \$8.00 admission fee. Children ages 12 and under receive free admission and do not need a pass.

Concessions Tabs

All families that have a concessions tab from the basketball season are asked to pay off their tab **before** the start of the CAL Tournament. Please contact the school office (345-3027) to pay off your tab.

If you have any questions concerning the CAL Tournament, please contact Julie Busch 345-3027 or 507-720-4532.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RADICHEL Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, as well as Immanuel, Mankato, MN, Members of Messiah, I have received your call letter to come serve you as your pastor there. I believe your call and the call I'm serving here to Immanuel, Mankato are both from the Lord. Therefore, I will humbly and prayerfully consider the details and needs of both calls, while seeking Jesus' guidance where to serve Him at this time. I ask you to please keep my family in your prayers. Please also pray for each other as we all put our trust in Jesus to bless our congregations in His own time and own way through His good and gracious will. If you're interested, please share with me your thoughts in the next week or so. I thank you in advance for your time and prayers!

neal.radichel@immanuelmankato.org or 920 268 8002. There are copies of a short study in the narthex regarding the Divine Call for anyone to take.

May the Word of our Lord dwell in us richly!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Neal Radichel



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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Neal Radichel

DEACON Joel Enter

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Joe Furst (*Sun.*) Austin Lien

FLOWERS Kristen Friedrichs & Trudy Dackins

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 Pfeiffer, Daryl Pischner, Mike Schweim

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Anthony Greve

ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Joe Furst (*Sun.*) Russ Schmitt

FLOWERS Deidre Macias

USHERS Fred Friedrichs, John Heinze, Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, Ross Libby, Austin Lien, William Lien, Zach Lien, Andy Olmanson, Luke Olmanson, Chuck Schmid, Russ Schmitt, Ron Wolle, Steve Wolle