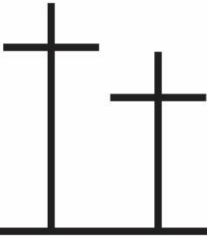


The Eyes of Faith Change the Way We See

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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Quinquagesima Sunday

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 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 5 “Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”*

Confession and Absolution of Sins

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your 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!

The Salutation

P: ♪ The Lord be with you

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory in the Highest

P: ♪ Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

We glorify You, we give thanks to You,

for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King,

God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Who takes away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

You who takes away the sin of the world,

Receive our prayer.

You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

Have mercy upon us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." **2** And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"
3 "Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." **4** So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" **5** And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the

sacrifice. **6** So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him." **7** But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." **8** So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." **9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." **10** Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." **11** And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." **12** So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" **13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. **4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in

iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. **13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Children's Sermon

Why is Love the Greatest?

High School Choir

"This We Believe"

*We believe in one true God,
maker of earth and heaven,
Lord of all and Lord of love,
from whom all things are given.
We believe in a God of strength and might
who cares for us by day and night.
We believe in one true God.
We believe.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,
born of a virgin mother,
conceived with the love of the Holy Spirit;
a birth unlike any other.
He was crucified by sinful men,
and made by God to rise again.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Father and the Son.
We believe in the Holy Trinity:
our Lord, the three in one.
We believe that our sins are forgiven.
And we believe we will lie in heaven.
We believe, we believe, we believe.
We believe in one true God.*

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.**

Hymn of the Day

TLH 388 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

32 "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. **33** "They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." **34** But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. **36** And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. **37** So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. **38** And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **39** Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **40** So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, **41** saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." **42** Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." **43** And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

The Eyes of Faith Change the Way We See

1. How We See Our Savior's Suffering
2. How We See Our Own Suffering

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 *WS 776 “Lord, ‘Tis Not That I Did Choose You”*

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.

C: ♪ **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Closing Hymn

TLH 284 “How Precious Is the Book Divine”

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
<u>(FEB 11-12 REPORTED)</u>	\$380 CLC General Budget (CBP)
Budgetary	\$3.75 CLC Kinship
<u>\$9,873.97</u> Current Expenses General Budget	
Non-Budgetary	
<u>\$75</u> Major Improvement	
<u>\$755</u> ILS Student Aid	
<u>\$150</u> Land Purchase	
<u>\$15</u> ILS Foundation	
<u>\$40</u> Benevolent	

Saturday Worship 2/11: **42**

Saturday Bible Class: **24**

Sunday Worship 2/12: **234**

Sunday Bible Class: **70**

Sunday School: **21**

Ambassadors: **7**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	
Old Main	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd 4 th Monday	Worship	15
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	17
Realife	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Tuesday	Study	
Women's Study Guild	Yes	6:30 PM	3rd Tuesday	Study	
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	5
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	4
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					49
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

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
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
	11:00p	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Mon Feb 20		Blessings on your week!
Tues Feb 21	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
	6:30p	Women's Study Guild
Wed Feb 22	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	2:00p	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Thur Feb 23	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	4:00p	BJV vs RAHS @ Home
	5:30p	GV vs RAHS @ Home
	7:00p	BV vs RAHS @ Home
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri Feb 24	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Feb 25	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Feb 26	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP
		Food Shelf Sunday
	12:00p	Basement Reserved- Private Event

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grade School Jamboree- Feb 19th

Basketball C.A.L- March 2-4th

Blood Drive- March 10th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDY GUILD meets on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. The back-office door and the south school door will be open. We will continue our study of Jesus' high priestly prayer followed by a short

business meeting and refreshments served by Audrey Lueck and Viv Hanel. Guests are always welcome.

MARCH ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET is available on the bulletin board between the church and school.

C.A.I BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of 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, monetary donations toward boneless, skinless chicken breast are appreciated.

Sign up 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. Sign up sheets will also be available after church this weekend and on Saturday and Sunday, February 25/26.

Tournament Passes

Tournament passes (wristbands) will be distributed to members of 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 1st. **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 .

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.

More information can be found at

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

Direct any questions to Julie Busch 345-3027 or 507-720-4532.

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 Two families are now looking for housing during Arts Camp this year. The first is a family of three, husband, wife, and 3rd grade

daughter. The second is a mother with a 1-year-old and a 4-year-old. They would not need meals, just a room to stay Friday and Saturday. If you can accommodate them, please reach out to Amber Casto or Pastor Naumann. Thank you for considering!

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 & 6pm** 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

COVER ART The church office has been trying to obtain from our congregation different pieces of art to use for our bulletin covers. If you are interested in sharing one of your works we would love to use it! See Hilary Lien or either pastor for more information.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Our Immanuel High School Seniors are hosting a blood drive at Immanuel on March 10 from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life to those who need it! Thank you for your support!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greater Detroit Area, has received the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and

Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA <>Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato is considering the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI is considering the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire

CLC Financial Report - January

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Months	Balance 1/31/2023
General Fund	0	593,673	739,761	746,200	-146,088
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,031,539	891,500	905,100	139,959
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	67,206	19,295		271,254
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	160,830	28,793		1,296,768
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	136,496	152,953		152,276
Kinship	194,437	79,915	111,007		163,345
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	212,973	411,392		2,340,736
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	59,304	62,678		124,122
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	-7,318	0		182,835
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,607,958	709,496	786,118		4,531,336

General Fund – January offerings were **\$81,575 VS** disbursements of **\$120,627** for a negative cash flow of **-\$39,051**, increasing the deficit to **-\$146,088**. Disbursements YTD are \$6,500 under budget, but offerings still trail expenses by 20%. Our Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents depend on the General Fund “CBP” offerings for their major support.

CLC Reserve Fund is held in our Investment Pool account to grow until needed, which is typically at the end of the fiscal year June 30. The negative **-\$7,318** in January is due to the market loss for the month. Div/Int income received since July: **\$7,882**.

ILC Operations – January revenue: **\$182,907** (incl. \$117,097, Tuition/R&B/Fees; \$2,000, misc.; \$63,810 General Fund subsidy) **VS** disbursements: **\$127,740** (incl \$80,000 wages; \$13,500 Food Service; \$9,332, Bldgs/Ground/Utilities; \$6,525, Admin. Annual Budget: \$1,552,000.

IIF – January receipts: **\$22,683** (\$20,000 special gift for South Hall new water heater; \$2,453/mo bequest; \$230 offerings **VS** \$744 disbursed. The IIF investment balance of \$132,800 in the Alerus Investment Pool Account was totally withdrawn to be used for a list of ILC improvements the Regents have scheduled to be completed over the next several months, (Cf 2022 CLC Proceedings, p 62)

ILC Bldg – January receipts: **\$64,801** \$58,868 capital gains; \$5,933 special offerings **VS** disbursed: **\$90** Div/Int income received since July: **\$33,881**.

CEF – January receipts: **\$31,394** (loan repayments & gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$20,884** (\$17,082, Member Notes repaid. Div/Int income received since July: **\$62,722**.

MDF – January receipts: **\$5,475** (Offerings) **VS** disbursed **\$36,374** (\$2,880, Board visits & admin); \$15,500, Church Bldg Assist; \$10,870, Outreach; \$6,624, 3rd Missionary; \$500 Bibles & Literature.

SAF – January receipts: **\$9,841** (\$6,176, SAF loan repayments; \$3,665 gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$6,265** Div/Int income since July: SAF: \$35,971; PMP: (Pastor/Teacher Prep): \$43,529; Scholarship: \$2,874.

Kinship – January receipts: **\$23,981**: (\$9,527 offerings, \$14,225 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$29,460** (\$11,000, Medical aid; \$8,920, Orphanages; \$9,450, Seminary students; \$90; Nigeria Widows.

** Positive & negative values in the revenue columns reflect market fluctuations of long term invested funds of the ILC Building Projects, CEF, SAF, & Reserve. (IIF no longer invested in the Alerus Pool).

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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Anthony Greve

ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

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

FLOWERS Deidre Macias & Kuehne Family

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

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Neal Radichel

DEACON Ben Stratton

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

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

FLOWERS Diane Lentz

USHERS Ben Busse, Michael Wheaton, Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Sam Geschwind, Sam Hagen, Gaus Hensely, Cade Libby, Travis Miller, Kevin Moeri, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Nick Schmid, Noah Schmid, Wayne Timm, Ben Stratton, Jack Statton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams