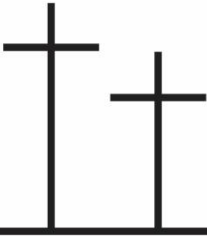




A SONG OF ASCENTS.

*I lift up my eyes
to the mountains—
where does my
help come from?*

PSALM 121:1, NIV



welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday in the Season of

Lent

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 16 "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

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!

Responsive Reading

Psalm 121

P: I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help?

C: My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

P: He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

C: Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

P: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

C: The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

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... Almighty God, please hear the desires of Your humble servants, and extend Your right hand to defend us from our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, **2** "Thus says the LORD: 'Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. **3** 'Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.' **4** "And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "If you will not

listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, **5** "to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), **6** "then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth."" **7** So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. **8** Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die! **9** "Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant'?" And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. **10** When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD'S house. **11** And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." **12** Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. **13** "Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. **14** "As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. **15** "But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. **3** But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; **4** neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. **5** For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not be partakers with them. **8** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

C: ♪ 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

Walking in Love

Hymn of the Day

TLH 402 "O God, Forsake Me Not"

Sermon

Luke 11:14-28

And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. **15** But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." **16** Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. **17** But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. **18** "If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. **19** "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. **20** "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. **22** "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. **23** "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' **25** "And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. **26** "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" **28** But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

The Kingdom of God Has Come Upon You

1. To Fight Against the Kingdom of Darkness
2. To Remove the Works of the Devil
3. To Preserve the Souls of God's People

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 751 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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

Numbers 6:24-26

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 355 “Thou Art the Way”

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LAST WEEK

<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH <u>(MARCH 1 & 4-5 REPORTED)</u></p> <p>Budgetary <u>\$7,937.66</u> Current Expenses General Budget</p> <p>Non-Budgetary <u>\$80</u> Major Improvement <u>\$1,260</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$150</u> Land Purchase <u>\$50</u> ILS Athletic Fund <u>\$75</u> Facilities Use Payments <u>\$115</u> Gym Floor Contributions</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>\$650</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$150</u> CLC MDF (Missions) <u>\$154</u> CLC Kinship</p> <p>Memorials: In Memory of Cordelia Kuehne <u>\$1,500</u> Undesignated <u>\$50</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$25</u> CLC Kinship <u>\$200</u> ILS School <u>\$20</u> ILS Scoreboards</p>
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Midweek Worship 2pm 3/1: **157**
 Midweek Worship 6pm 3/1: **58**
 Saturday Worship 3 /4: **69**
 Saturday Bible Class: **11**

Sunday Worship 3/5: **179**
 Bible Class: **43**
 Sunday School: **25**
 Ambassadors: **8**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	12
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	9
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	14
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	6
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	5
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	11
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	11
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	4
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					106
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat March 11	11:00a	Tom Jensen Victory Service
	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun March 12	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon March 13		Blessings on your week!
	3-6:30p	MPF & Church Kitchen Reserved- Private Event
Tues March 14	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
	6:30p	Deacon Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance Meeting
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed March 15	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	2:00p	Midweek Lenten Service
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Midweek Lenten Service
Thur March 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 March 17	1:30p	ILC Tour Choir in Eagle Lake
	3-6:00p	MPF, Fellowship Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved- Private
Sat March 18	9:00a	Alumni Day
	6:00p	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun March 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
	11:00a	Sunday School Teachers Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Day- March 18th

Arts Camp- March 24-26th

Kindergarten Round Up- March 31st

Meet & Greet Coffee & Fellowship Hour- April 2nd

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST Easter Pancake Breakfast, prepared by the men will be Easter Morning (April 9th, 7:45-9:30am). All men wishing to assist are welcome. For more information contact Larry Hartman. 507-345-6139. We need a 6:15am set up/cooking crew, 7:45am serving crew, and a 9:30am cleaning crew.

EASTER FLOWERS The Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6 inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, tulips are \$17 each and lilies are \$13 each. A sign-up sheet and payment box are in the narthex. Please do not put cash in the box. Checks should be made out to Women's Study Guild and put in the box. THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS TUESDAY MARCH 28TH. You may take your plant/plants home after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service.

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

BRING A TREAT FOR THE MEET & GREET The weekend of April 1-2 we will have another '*Name Tag Sunday*' to help our members old and new get to know our congregation better. Please fill out a name tag and wear it! On **Sunday, April 2nd** we will also have a little Fellowship Hour in the church basement after service. Come down, bring a treat to share, have some coffee and chit chat with your church family before going home! Hope to see you there!

MT KATO TRIP As the winter season wraps up, we would like to take advantage of the discounted prices here at our local Mount Kato while participating in some fun fellowship! The rates are great! It is only **\$10 for a lift ticket and \$10 for rentals!** So, we are planning a group ski/snowboard evening for this coming **Monday, March 13th starting at 4 p.m.** We will **meet near the check-in desk between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** to work through the check-in process and distribute lift tickets and rental forms. If you are not able to meet during that time frame and will be joining later in the evening, please message neal.radichel@immanuelmankato.org or stephanie.roettger@immanuelmankato.org and we can arrange how we will get your lift ticket and rental form to you. Feel free to bring the whole family and any friends that would like to join! To go, we will need you to complete 3 steps.

- First, you will need to fill out the following **Google form** (<https://forms.gle/2bHeAHPKdNhQ95bw8>) so that we can get a count of how many people will be attending and how many rentals we need.
- Second, you will need to **pay your fees to Amanda Harris in the School Office by 2 p.m. on March 13th.**
- Third, you will need to **print and sign the attached release form** for every member of your family that will be skiing or snowboarding, and that will need to be **turned into Amanda Harris by 2 p.m. on March 13th** as well. If you do not have access to a printer, we will have extra printed copies in the school office that you can fill out.

It is short notice, but we hope that many people can make it for some great fellowship time with such a great price at the very end of this skiing/snowboarding season! If you have any questions please contact neal.radichel@immanuelmankato.org or stephanie.roettger@immanuelmankato.org.

ART CAMP Arts Camp 2023 Registration is Closing Soon!

Register your 5th-8th grade camper today! Registration closes March 13th.

Go to immanuelmankato.org to register and for more information.

Contact Amber Casto 507-327-3059 artscamp@immanuelmankato.org with any questions.

ALUMNI CONTACT INFORMATION & SURVEY We are trying to reach out to all Alumni of Immanuel Lutheran School to make sure we have your current contact information and just rebuild connections that may have been lost over the years. We are also conducting an optional survey that will take a few minutes to participate in if you would be willing to do so. Please fill out the following Google Form to participate:

<https://forms.gle/1yRzFJsunU1SfhVMA> or snap a picture of the QR code.



SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE has decided to call a third full-time teacher for their Christian Day School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and decided to ask for a graduate from ILC's teacher-training program. The teacher will be asked to teach the middle grades, which at present would involve ten 3rd-4th graders. <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has accepted the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire. <> Paul Agenten, currently in his 2nd year of Seminary training, has accepted the call to be Vicar at Immanuel, Mankato. Their call to him extends beyond the normal Vicar time <> Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA has received the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

BASKETBALL CAMP FOR GIRLS 5-12TH

Location: Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire

Date: Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10. The CLC Youth Camp begins the next day, Sunday, June 11.

- Learn correct basketball fundamentals
- Meet new friends
- Enjoy Christian fellowship

Cost: \$35/girl (covers t-shirt, meals & lodging, if needed)

Camp Staff: Present and Former Immanuel Lutheran High School and College coaches and players.

Registration: Online at <https://ilc.edu/athletics/summer-skills-camps/girls-basketball-camp/>

Questions? Call or email Ross Roehl at (715) 864-1764 or ross.roehl@ilc.edu
After you register and prior to camp, you will receive additional information via email.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Mark Matzke

ORGANIST Karla Olmanson

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

FLOWERS Karla Olmanson

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 Midweek

PASTOR Nathaniel Mayhew

DEACON (*2pm*) Dennis Heinze (*6pm*) Mark Matzke

ORGANIST (*2pm*) Karla Olmanson (*6pm*) Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN (*2pm*) Austin Lien (*6pm*) Gabbi Harris

FLOWERS Jackie Friedrichs

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 Joel Enter

ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

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

FLOWERS Karla Olmanson

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