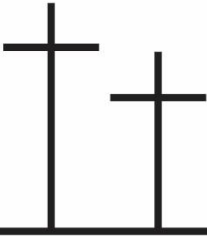




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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd 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 447 "Fight the Good Fight"

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.

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: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1-6

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C: For His mercy endures forever.

P: Let Israel now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

P: Let the house of Aaron now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the LORD now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

P: I called on the LORD in distress;

C: The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

P: The LORD is on my side;

C: I will not fear. What can man do to me?

P: Glory be to God!

The Gloria Patri

Glory be 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.**

Luther's Sanctus Hymn

based on Isaiah 6

♪ **Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;**

Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
 “Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
 His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be delivered from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil which may afflict our souls, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; **2** for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; **4** that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, **5** not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; **6** that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as

we also forewarned you and testified. **7** For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22** And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." **23** But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." **24** But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." **25** Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" **26** But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." **27** And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." **28** Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

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

TLH 396 "Oh, for a Faith"

Sermon

Genesis 32:22-31

And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. **23** He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. **24** Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. **25** Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. **26** And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" **27** So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." **28** And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have

prevailed." **29** Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. **30** And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." **31** Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.

God Strengthens His People Through Wrestling

1. Wrestling In Prayer
2. Wrestling Through Pain
3. Wrestling Until We Prevail

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

TLH p22

♪ 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.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

The General Prayer

COMMUNION SERVICE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

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."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.

Distribution

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>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).</p>	<p>Kneeling rail Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor 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> <p>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.</p> <p>Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these</p>

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!

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.

Distribution Hymn

TLH #528 "If God Himself Be For Me"

TLH #305 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

Nunc Dimittis

"Now Let Depart"

**C: ♪ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace
according to Your word.**

**For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have prepared before
the face of all people.**

**A light to lighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**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.**

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 #450 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

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LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u> (FEB 25-26 REPORTED)	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
Budgetary	\$1,360 CLC General Budget (CBP)
\$12,783.33 Current Expenses	\$20 CLC MDF (Missions)
Non-Budgetary	\$524.50 CLC Kinship
\$550 Major Improvement	\$20 ILC Student Aid
\$2,465 ILS Student Aid	
\$50 Land Purchase	
\$15 ILS Foundation	
\$72 Benevolent	
\$175 Lenten Season	
\$30 Preschool	
\$22 Facilities Use Fee	

Saturday Worship 2/25: **47**

Saturday Bible Class: **13**

Sunday Worship 2/26: **249**

Sunday Bible Class: **64**

Sunday School: **38**

Ambassadors: **9**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Man	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd & 4 th Monday	Worship	17
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	14
Women's Study Guild	Yes	6:30 PM	3rd Tuesday	Study	7
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Walnut Towers	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	15
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	17
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	7
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	12
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					126
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat March 4

6:00p

WORSHIP Communion Weekend

7:00p

Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School

Sun March 5

9:00a

Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors

	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP Communion Weekend Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon March 6	12-5p	MPF, Fellowship Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved- Private Blessings on your week!
Tues March 7	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
	7:00p	Outreach Meeting
Wed March 8	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	2:00p	Midweek Lenten Worship
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thur March 9	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 10	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	11:00a	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sat March 11	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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive- March 10th

Alumni Day- March 18th

Arts Camp- March 24-26th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND The flowers on our altar this weekend are given by the Stelter Family in loving memory of Jone Stelter. Blessed be her memory among us!

CAL THANK YOU Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated food and money for the CAL Tournament. We appreciate the support that Immanuel members and nonmember volunteers have given to the athletic program. You are greatly appreciated.

EAU CLAIRE GRADE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT For those interested in watching the live stream of the games next weekend here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/@ilcvideos/streams>

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Gal 1:3-5)

Dear members of Immanuel,

Greetings to you from Immanuel Lutheran College, High School, and Seminary here in the “big woods” of Eau Claire, WI. It is with great joy and eager anticipation that I write this letter to all of you in response to the divine call you issued to me. Through prayer and meditation, you have seen fit to call me by the grace of our Lord Jesus to assist you and serve you in the ministry of the Word. What a wonderful privilege and great responsibility!

With thanksgiving and humility, I accept this call and I ask that God would help me to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities that you ask of me to the best of my God given ability. I look forward to the opportunity to preach and teach God’s word among you and nurture the relationships that will blossom because of that same Word.

My wife Courtney and our three girls Hallie (7), Havana (4), and Laila (1) also look forward to an exciting summer in Mankato! We are familiar with the area and look forward to spending time with new and old friends alike.

As it stands, spring break is approaching, and I pray April showers might begin in March! The school year has been flying by and before we know it June will be right around the corner.

Until then though, may you all be blessed and comforted during this Lenten season. Once again, we have the Lord's indescribable love for His people on full display, where "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 8:5). As we eagerly await the celebration of His resurrection on Easter morning, I pray that we all come to a greater understanding of the grace that has been given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always,
Paul D. Agenten

CALL DECISION Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Immanuel, Over the past month I've had the opportunity to consider the calls both here in Mankato and Messiah, Eau Claire. The many visits and correspondence with members of both congregations has been a blessing from the Lord. At this time, I am confident in returning the call to serve as pastor in Eau Claire and remain serving the LORD here in Mankato.

Like so many call decisions, this has been a challenge to wrestle through, but I am thankful the Lord has answered my prayers for clarity. With that same prayerful confidence in Him, we can know His good and gracious will is always done for our future. May our Lord Jesus bless and keep us as we work together to serve Him.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Rom. 12:12 ESV)

Your brother and fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Neal Radichel

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS 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 period



Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Anthony Greve

ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs

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

FLOWERS Kym Stelter

USHERS Kyle Hulke, Karl Friedrichs, Riley Anderson, Aaron Casto, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Austin Hart, Andrew Lentz, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman

Serving Us Midweek

PASTOR Neal Radichel

DEACON Steve Wolle (2pm) Anthony Greve (6pm)

ORGANIST Lane Fischer (2pm) Vickie Schreyer (6pm)

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

FLOWERS Jackie Friedrichs

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 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