



1st 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.

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway.

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

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty this weekend or any of the ushers or pastors. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe 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 380 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

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: \textstyle 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.

- P: The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness,
- C: The world and those who dwell therein.
- P: For He has founded it upon the seas,
- C: And established it upon the waters.
- P: Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
- C: Or who may stand in His holy place?
- P: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
- C: Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.
- P: He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
- C: And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- P: This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
- C: Who seek Your face.
- P: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
- C: And the King of glory shall come in.
- P: Who is this King of glory?
- C: The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.
- P: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!
- C: And the King of glory shall come in.
- P: Who is this King of glory?
- C: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.
- 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. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Luther's Sanctus Hymn

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... Make Your power evident and come to us, O Lord. Protect us, rescue us from the peril of our sin, and enable us to know Your salvation; through Him who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-18

'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: **15** `In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A

Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' 17 "For thus says the LORD: `David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; 18 `nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually."

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. **26** "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. **27** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. **28** "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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 297 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

Sermon Romans 1:16-20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Do Not Be Embarrassed to Tell the Truth

- 1. God Reveals His Wrath Against Our Unrighteousness
- 2. God Reveals His Love Through Christ's Righteousness

 ${\it Preaching today: Pastor Joe \ Naumann}$

Offertory

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♪ 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: \textstyle 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 the 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 she 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 | | | | | |
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| Our Practice of Close Communion | Communing | | | | |
| 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. 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). | Kneeling rail Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there. Balcony Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table. Direction Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire | | | | |
| 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 | 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. | | | | |
| judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18). 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! | Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these 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 Hymns

TLH 744 "How Great Thou Art" TLH 775 "Thy Strong Word" 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

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 His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

TLH 346 "Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be"

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ONGOING IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Please keep these individuals in your personal prayers

- Pastor John Hein from Grace, Fridley, MN with Thymic cancer
- Katie Sauers- Lymphoma
- Marlene Hanel- Lung Cancer

LAST WEEK

| MMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (NOV 18-26 REPORTED) | \$1,480 CLC General Budget (CBP) | \$98 CLC Kinship | \$17,647.25 Current Expenses | \$0.50 Major Improvement | \$60 ILS Student Aid | \$196.50 Land Purchase | \$30 ILS Foundation | \$6,210 Thanksgiving | \$17,250 Undesignated Reserve |

Saturday Worship 11/25: **61** Sunday Worship 11/26: **174** Saturday Bible Class: **17** Sunday Bible Class: **31**

Sunday School: **17** Ambassadors: **6**

| Location | Active | Time | Day of the week | Туре | # Souls | |
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| Blue Earth's Jail (Men's) | Yes | 6:00 PM | 1 st , 3 rd Sunday | Study | 6 | |
| Laurel's Edge | Yes | 10:00 AM | 1 st , 3 rd Monday | Worship | 9 | |
| Old Main/ AZ Pioneer Home | Yes | 11:00 AM | 2 nd & 4 th Monday | Worship | 19 | |
| New Perspective | Yes | 10:15 AM | 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Tuesday | Study | 6 | |
| Latitude Bible Study | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Tuesday | Study | 14 | |
| Women's Study Guild | Yes | 6:30 PM | 3 rd Tuesday | Study | 10 | |
| Laurel's Edge | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Wednesday | Study | 7 | |
| 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 | 9 | |
| Water's Edge | Yes | 11:00 AM | Every Thursday | Study | 17 | |
| Gus Johnson | Yes | 11:00 AM | Every Thursday | Study | 3 | |
| Old Main | Yes | 1:00 PM | Every Thursday | Study | 11 | |
| Men's Breakfast | Yes | 6:30 AM | Every Friday | Study | 20 | |
| Mankato Lodge | Yes | 9:00 AM | Every Friday | Study | 5 | |
| Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week: | | | | | 168 | |
| Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services! | | | | | | |

THIS WEEK

| Sat Dec 2 | 6:00p | WORSHIP Communion Weekend |
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| | 7:00p | Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School |
| Sun Dec 3 | 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.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/ |
| | 3:00p | Christmas Card Mailings |
| Mon Dec 4 | | Blessings on your week! |
| Tues Dec 5 | 3-5p | Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit) |
| | 7:00p | Outreach Meeting |
| Wed Dec 6 | 12:45p | Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7 |
| | 2:00p | Midweek Advent Worship |
| | 5:00p | Chili Feed |
| | 5:30p | Catechism Class |
| | 6:00p | Midweek Advent Worship |
| Thur Dec 7 | 8-10a | Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit) |
| | 5:45p | Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7 |
| | 6:15p | Church Choir Practice |
| Fri Dec 8 | 6:30a | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study |
| Sat Dec 9 | 6:00p | WORSHIP |
| | 7:00p | Adult Bible Class / Sunday School |
| Sun Dec 10 | 9:00a | Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors |
| | 9:15a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM |
| | 10:00a | WORSHIP |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Card Mailing Event- December 3rd
Advent Chili Kick Off- December 6th
Radichel Farewell Potluck- December 17th
Ladies Ugly Sweater Party- December 23rd

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CHILI KICK OFF Join your church family for a brand new event! Bring a pot of your favorite chili to the Fellowship Hall on **December 6th at 5pm** and enjoy a potluck before our first Midweek Advent Service. Hope to see you there!

RADICHEL FAREWELL POTLUCK Please plan to attend a potluck after the service on Sunday, December 17th to thank Pastor and Erin Radichel and family for their service to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School before they move to

Eau Claire! Bring a dish to share and drop off in the church kitchen prior to the service. If you can help with the set-up, service and/or clean-up, please email itheneman@live.com, text 507-340-1640. You are encouraged to show your appreciation if you wish with a card and gift cards (rather than gifts to reduce the amount of additional packing for the move). We hope to see you there!

LADIES UGLY SWEATER PARTY All ladies of Immanuel are invited to our Annual Ugly Sweater Party **on Saturday December 23rd from 3-5pm**. Wear an Ugly Sweater, bring a dish to pass, and join in for some fun games and activities! We will have prizes for the Ugliest Sweater and game winners! After the fun we will join efforts to fill the Christmas Eve treat bags for the Children's Program. Please come down for some fun fellowship time with your sisters in Christ! Any questions can be directed to Hilary Lien.

IMMANUEL FAMILY DEVOTIONS 2024 In the coming year, the Immanuel Board of Deacons is encouraging all our members to focus on family devotions. Whether it be in the morning or before bedtime, every family should take time every day to gather around God's Word. To help our families prioritize this important goal, the Deacons will be making a bulk purchase of the daily devotional book "Beside Quiet Waters" by Richard Lauersdorf for our congregation to use as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. The books cost \$15.00 each. However, we would like every Immanuel family to take a book. If you would like to make a freewill offering to cover the purchase, you are welcome to do so, but not required. This would be a great Christmas gift for friends or family as we encourage everyone to connect to God with their families this year. Please sign up in the narthex to give us an idea as to how many we should purchase. Thank you!

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Normally, Immanuel offers unique worship opportunities on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day. However, because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year and because we only have one pastor currently, the Board of Deacons have decided to cancel the New Year's Eve service. Our regular worship that weekend will focus on New Year's themes. Our New Year's Day service will be a special song service as we have done in the past few years.

POINSETTIAS ON THE ALTAR The altar poinsettia and outdoor Christmas tree are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Immanuel members who have gone to be with the Lord:

Cordelia Kuehne Tom Jensen Gene Schreyer Richard Lueck Hope Redlin Iva Ganske Gary Hanel Marvin Leiding Carol Harlow

Jesse Cornish Harold Wolle

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has received a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

CLC YOUTH CAMP ILC 2024 CLC Youth Camp will be held at the ILC campus from June 9-15th, 2024. This camp is for students entering 6th to entering 9th grade. Information regarding camper registration will be available later. If you have any questions please contact Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com or visit our website https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp.

CLC YOUTH CAMP STAFF APPLICATION We are now accepting counselor applications to be a part of our camp staff through December 31st. You can find the application on our Facebook page (CLC Youth Camp at ILC) or on our website (https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp). This application is for counselors (18+ y/o), pre-camp counselors (18+ y/o), and pre-counselors (16-17 y/o). Please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to assembling our team as we plan for camp, 2024!

-Sam Radermacher and Amber Casto youthcamp.clc@gmail.com

CLC PRAYER REQUEST & UPDATE A few months ago, it was announced that Barb Fleischer, wife of retired pastor Dan Fleischer, and sister to Bob & Wayne Timm, has ALS. Last week she had some further, extensive tests done by her neuromuscular neurologist because he was not completely satisfied with the previous data. Although her symptoms seem to be those of ALS, he now believes this may not be ALS. Further tests are scheduled to determine the cause of her continuing muscle weakness which are causing ambulation and other issues. Since Barb realizes many of her fellow Christians are praying for her - which she greatly appreciates - she wanted to share this news. During these last months she has been driven to the LORD's promises found in His powerful Word so that even as her body gets weaker, her Spirit-given faith is growing stronger. 2 Corinthians 12:9 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.



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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann
DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer
ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs
SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt
GREETERS (Sat) Help Needed (Sun) Jay & Kelly Hanel
USHERS Kyle Hulke, Karl Friedrichs, Riley Anderson, Aaron Casto,
Andrew Clobes, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Austin Hart, Andrew
Lentz, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Alex Schmitt, Ben Stelter,
Ted Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman, Joe Friedrichs

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Neal Radichel **DEACON** Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST (Sat) Colleen Kranz (Sun) Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Help Needed

GREETERS (Sat) Joel & Elijah Enter (Sun) Rebecca Breedlove & Annie Survis

USHERS Justin Mueller, Logan Greve, Jeremey Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Alex Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Jacob Olmanson, Daniel Pfeiffer, Daryl Pischner, Mike Schweim, Brent Schreyer