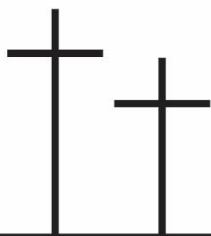




**“Behold, the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin  
of the world”**

- John 1:29



*welcome to*  
**IMMANUEL**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4<sup>th</sup> Weekend 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](http://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 72 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

## Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: ♪ Amen!**

## The Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy*

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

## The Gloria in Excelsis

*Glory in the Highest*

♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come.  
Help us by Your great might, so that whatever is  
hindered by our sins may be accomplished by Your great  
mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now  
and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Haggai 2:6-9*

"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 85:8-13*

P: I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will  
speak peace To His people and to His saints;

**C: But let them not turn back to folly.**

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

**C: That glory may dwell in our land.**

P: Mercy and truth have met together;

**C: Righteousness and peace have kissed.**

P: Truth shall spring out of the earth,

**C: And righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

P: Yes, the LORD will give what is good;

**C: And our land will yield its increase.**

P: Righteousness will go before Him,

**C: And shall make His footsteps our pathway.**

## Immanuel Church Choir

*Advent Meditation*

## New Testament Reading

*Hebrews 1:1-12*

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; **3** who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **5** For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? **6** But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." **7** And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." **8** But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O

God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. **9** You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." **10** And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. **11** They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; **12** Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C:**     ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **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**

*The Desire of All Nations*

**Sermon***John 1:29-35*

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' **31** "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." **32** And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. **33** "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

## All Signs Point to Jesus

1. John Points to Jesus as the Lamb of God
2. The Spirit Points to Jesus as the Christ
3. The Father Points to Jesus as His Son

*Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann***Offertory***WS p16*

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

**Sermon Hymn***TLH 61 "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"***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 94 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

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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
- James Lien- Cancer Treatments
- Marlene Hanel
- CLC Missions Field in The Philippines Details Below



## LAST WEEK

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Blue Earth's Jail (Men's)	Yes	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Study	4
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Worship	10
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Study	7
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	19
Ladies Auxiliary	Yes	2:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Study	7
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Old Main	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	25
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					102
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

## THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 23	12-2p	MPF Reserved- Private Event
	3:00p	Ugly Sweater Party
	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Dec 24	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Ambassadors
	9:00a	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP
		Live Stream- <a href="http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org">www.ImmanuelMankato.org</a> Watch - <a href="http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/">www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/</a>
Mon Dec 25	6:00p	Christmas Eve Service
	10:00a	Christmas Day Worship
	12-9p	MPF, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved-Private Event
Tues Dec 26	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Elders Meeting
Wed Dec 27	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
Thur Dec 28	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	Immanuel Church Choir Practice
Fri Dec 29	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Dec 30	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Dec 31	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

New Years Day Song Service- January 1<sup>st</sup> 10am

Outdoor Adventure Day Sledding- January 14<sup>th</sup>

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNICATION AT IMMANUEL** is very important to the ministry that God has entrusted to us all. To keep those lines of communication open, email groups have been created so that you can voice your thoughts and concerns to the appropriate leaders and boards at Immanuel. To communicate with any of the groups below, simply address an email to the corresponding email address and it will be sent to the entire group.

Board of Education: [Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org)

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Church Council: [Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**NOTICE OF MEETING** Notice is hereby given that at the Annual Congregation meeting to be held on January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., a Resolution will be presented seeking approval of the sale of Arizona property which was gifted to the Church.

**2024 WHITEWATER CAMP REGISTRATION** Dates: January 26-28 Ages: High School to Sophomores in College Cost: \$78 per camper (\$83 from Eau Claire). Make checks out to Immanuel Ambassadors. Please give both your fee and registration form to the Mankato School secretary, Mrs. Harris by January 21st. Online Registration: [tinyurl.com/whitewater2024](https://tinyurl.com/whitewater2024)

**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.

**WOMEN'S STUDY GUILD CALENDARS 2024** Calendars are still available for purchase from the Women's Study Guild. The calendars feature stunning photography and beautiful scripture verses for \$8.00 each. Please see the sign-

up sheet and sample poster in the narthex to order yours. Thank you for supporting the work of the Women's Study Guild.

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP** Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Mission Helpers will be privileged to help spread the Gospel to children in either Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia for about three weeks. The application deadline is January 16th. Find more information and apply online at [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).

**NEW LINK FOR ILC MORNING CHAPEL** Immanuel Lutheran College morning chapel services provide daily edification for the ILC family. It has also served people across the CLC through an email subscription service. Unfortunately, the previous email delivery service is no longer viable. Another more reliable service has been set up, but previous users will need to re-subscribe. If you would like morning chapel sent to your email each day, simply go to <https://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/> , scroll to the bottom, and sign up with your email address.

**CLC MISSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES** Pastor Andrew Schaller (CLC Bd of Doctrine Secretary) continues the colloquy with Pastor Jordan Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) via email correspondence. An early February visit to conduct the face-to-face colloquy is in the works. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the colloquy and that this will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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



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## Serving Us Today

**PASTOR** Joe Naumann

**DEACON** Mark Matzke

**ORGANIST** Bonnie Cornish

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

**GREETERS** (Sat) Sue Jensen (Sun) Jen Schmitt

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

## Serving Us Next Weekend

**PASTOR** Joe Naumann

**DEACON** Ben Stratton

**ORGANIST** Grace Schreyer

**SCREEN** (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Gabby Harris

**GREETERS** (Sat) Help Needed (Sun) Ben & Michelle Stratton

**USHERS** Council Members