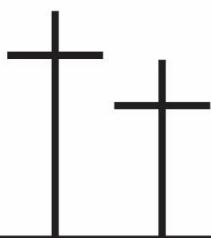


YOU ALSO, LIKE
LIVING STONES,
ARE BEING BUILT
INTO A SPIRITUAL
HOUSE TO BE A
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,
OFFERING SPIRITUAL
SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST.

1 PÉTER 2:5



welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1st Weekend after

Christmas

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 31 "When All Thy Mercies, O My God"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response to the Forgiveness of Sins

WS 798:1,3

♪ God, we praise You! God, we bless You!
God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by Your Church adored:
All creation shows Your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,
Singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord of hosts and God alone!"

♪ Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was Your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path You trod:
By Your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, direct us to act in ways that reflect the light of Your grace, so that in Jesus' Name we might do Your will; through Him who is Your very Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 28:14-19

Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, **15** Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves." **16** Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. **17** Also I will make justice the measuring

line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place. **18** Your covenant with death will be annulled, And your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, Then you will be trampled down by it. **19** As often as it goes out it will take you; For morning by morning it will pass over, And by day and by night; It will be a terror just to understand the report."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 127

P: Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;

C: Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

P: It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows;

C: For so He gives His beloved sleep.

P: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

C: The fruit of the womb is a reward.

P: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,

C: So are the children of one's youth.

P: Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;

C: They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Ensemble Anthem *‘Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go His Way in Peace’*

1. Lord, now let Your servant go his way in peace.

Your great love has brought me joy that will not cease:

Praises to the Father, Praises to the Son,

Praises to the Spirit, Gracious three in One.

2. For my eyes have seen Him promised from of old.

Savior of all people, Shepherd of one fold:

Honor to the Father, Honor to the Son,

Honor to the Spirit, Faithful three in One.

3. Light of revelation to the Gentiles shown,

Light of Israel's glory to the world made known.
Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son,
Glory to the Spirit, Blessed three in One

Words: James Seddon and Grace Schreyer
Music: FAITHFUL VIGIL (David Wilson)
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New Testament Reading

Luke 9:57-62

Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." **58** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." **59** Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." **60** Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." **61** And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." **62** But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

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!

New Member Affirmation

Miranda Hanel

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 106 "The People that In Darkness Sat"

Sermon

1 Peter 2:1-10

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, **2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. **4** Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." **7** Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," **8** and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. **9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

How to Keep a Christmas Mindset All Year

1. As Newborn Babes

2. As Living Stones

3. As the People of God

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 767 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

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 465 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

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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 Congo Details Below

LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
<u>(DEC 16-25 REPORTED)</u>	\$1,596 CLC General Budget (CBP)
<u>Budgetary</u>	\$10 CLC MDF (Missions)
<u>\$19,293.75</u> Current Expenses	\$400 ILC Student Aid
	\$50 CLC Kindship
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>	<u>Memorials</u>
\$88 Major Improvement	In Memory of Harold Wolle
\$780 ILS Student Aid	\$1,335 Undesignated
\$163 Land Purchase	\$25 MPF Scoreboards
\$15 ILS Foundation	\$70 ILS Foundation
\$5 Benevolent	In Memory of Jesse Cornish
\$2,130 Advent Season	\$1,575 Undesignated
\$350 Christmas Eve	\$20 MPF Scoreboards
\$220 Christmas Day	\$70 Preschool Fund
	In Memory of Ruth Meyer
	\$25 MPF Scoreboards
	In Memory of Marvin Leiding
	\$100 Undesignated

Saturday Worship 12/23: **56**

Sunday Worship 12/24: **211**

Sunday Bible Class: **35**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	11
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	4
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Old Main	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					42
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

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
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon Jan 1	10:00a	New Year's Day Song Service
		Blessings on your New Year!
Tues Jan 2	7:00p	Outreach Meeting
Wed Jan 3	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
Thur Jan 4	4:00p	BJV Game vs Genesis Classical @ Home
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
	6:00p	BV Game vs Alden Conger @ Home
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Jan 5		
Sat Jan 6	6:00p	WORSHIP Communion Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan 7	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP Communion Weekend
	11:00a	Undecorate the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Years Day Song Service- January 1st 10am
 Outdoor Adventure Day Sledding- January 14th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD has received the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

DR CONGO The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has faced several delays in planning for the presidential election scheduled for December 20th. The previous election in 2018 was controversial and has caused unrest and violence in the country. Recently, a high-ranking official of the opposition party was murdered, and violence and deaths are reported daily because of the upcoming election. Pastor Yumba has advised that plans for Missionary Ohlmann's visit to the DRC in early 2024 should be on hold. **Pray for peace and** civility as the people of the DRC approach their presidential election. **Pray for the Lord's will to be done** in this election and for the protection, hope, and courage of our brothers and sisters of the CCLC.

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!



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Serving Us Today

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

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST Colleen Kranz

SCREEN *(Sat.)* Jen Theneman *(Sun.)* Russ Schmitt

GREETERS *(Sun)* Jay & Kelly Hanel

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