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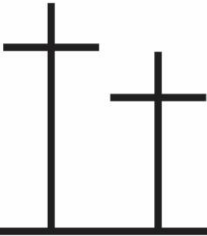
THE GOAL

FOR THE PRIZE OF

THE UPWARD CALL
OF GOD IN

CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14, ESV



welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1st Weekend After

Epiphany

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

Lutheran Service Book, Setting Four

Opening Hymn

TLH 357 "Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever"

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen. (spoken)

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth. (spoken) Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously received our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen!

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 73:23-28

P: Nevertheless I am continually with You;

C: You hold me by my right hand.

P: You will guide me with Your counsel,

C: And afterward receive me to glory.

P: Whom have I in heaven but You?

C: And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

P: My flesh and my heart fail;

C: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

P: For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;

C: You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

P: But it is good for me to draw near to God;

C: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



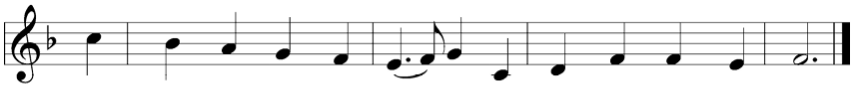
1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-7

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. **2** He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. **3** A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. **4** He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." **5** Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: **6** "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, **7** To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." **14** When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, **15** and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." **16** Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men,

was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. **17** Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: **18** "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more!" **19** But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, **20** saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." **21** Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. **22** But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. **23** And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

LSB 402 "The Only Son from Heaven"

1. **The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given, In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining As He, our Morning Star.**

2. **O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the king anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us And bring us life again.**

3. **O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love you more,
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.**

4. **O Father, here before you With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore you, O pride of angel host:
Before you mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy, O blessed Trinity!"**

Sermon

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Letting Go and Moving Forward... In Christ

Preaching today: Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck

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.**

Sermon Hymn

TLH 423:1,5-6 “*Jesus, I My Cross have Taken*”

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 401 “*Praise to Thee and Adoration*”

Tune: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary #596

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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 Mission Development Fund- Details below

LAST WEEK

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Blue Earth (Men's)	Yes	6:00 PM	1 st , 3 rd	Study	4
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	15
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1,3,5 th Tuesday	Study	6
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	16
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	5
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	8
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					57
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 13	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Jan 14	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/
	12:30p	Outdoor Adventure Day- Sledding (Weather Permitting)
Mon Jan 15		Blessings on your week!
	4:00p	BJV Home Game
	5:30p	GV Home Game
	7:00p	BV Home Game
Tues Jan 16	6:30p	Women's Study Guild
Wed Jan 17	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	5:30p	Catechism Class
Thur Jan 18	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Jan 19	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	4:00p	Grade School Girls Home Game

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Sat Jan 20	12:30p	Immanuel Women Who Hike (Weather Permitting)
	6:00p	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan 21	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Outdoor Adventure Day Sledding- January 14th @ 12:30pm
 Immanuel Women Who Hike Event Seven Mile- January 20th @ 12:30pm
 Annual Voters Meeting- January 22nd @ 7pm

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.

COUNCIL REORG This meeting will take place right after the voters meeting on **January 22nd**.

STUDY GUILD Women of Immanuel are invited to Study Guild's meeting on **January 16th at 6:30pm**. There will be a Bible Study of Psalm 119, a brief meeting, and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

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/whitewater202

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT- YOU'RE INVITED: Join your Christian sisters near and far at the next virtual retreat held via Zoom on Saturday, January 20th (Noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central / 10:00 a.m. Mountain / 9:00 a.m. Pacific). This year's theme is "Press Pause: God Made Me..." and will highlight the differing gifts that God gave each of us to use to His glory. Register

at: <http://tinyurl.com/NatRetreat24> Questions?
Contact teichstadt@gmail.com or 651-398-2386.

2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP Applications are still being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Participants will have the privilege of helping to spread the Gospel to children in Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia in July. **The application period will end on January 16th.** Find more information and apply online at www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND CLC President Mike Wilke writes: "When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000 and has impacted other planned MDF projects. Currently, the balance of the MDF is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. We have already put a hold on all other projects, including funding Bibles and other Christian literature, church-building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. Pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings so that we might continue to carry out the work the LORD has set before us and which we have decided to do as a church body."

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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DEACON Anthony Greve

ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Jen Theneman (*Sun.*) Wyatt Lien

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

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

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

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

GREETERS Joel & Deidre Macias

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