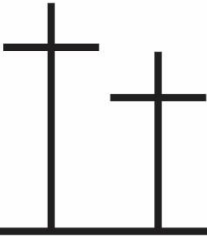


**“I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,”  
declares the LORD.**

**- Jeremiah 15:20**



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# Confirmation Sunday

## 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

## Entrance Hymn

*TLH 332:1-4 “Arm These Thy Soldiers”*

Tune: TLH 290

## The Invocation

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

**Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

### 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... Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening hand here on earth, so that we might be like Your only-begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory. We ask You to comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we might not fall into despair, but rather put our trust more fully in You and Your mercy, for You live and reign with Your Son, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 124*

P: "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," Let Israel now say--

C: "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,  
When men rose up against us,

P: Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their wrath was kindled against us;

**C: Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our soul;**

P: Then the swollen waters Would have gone over our soul."

**C: Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

P: Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers

**C: The snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Choir

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

Congregation joins on verse 3

1. O Jesus, I have promised, to serve You to the end.  
Lord, be forever near me, my Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if You are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.
2. Oh, let me feel You near me: the world is always near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are always near me, around me, and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
3. **Oh, let me see Your foot-marks, and in them plant my own;  
my hope to follow You, Lord, is in Your strength alone.  
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
and then in heav'n receive me, my Savior and my Friend.**

### Gospel Reading

*John 11:17-45*

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. **19** And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. **20** Then Martha, as soon as she

heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. **21** Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." **23** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." **24** Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26** "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" **27** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." **28** And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." **29** As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. **31** Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." **32** Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. **34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." **35** Jesus wept. **36** Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" **37** And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" **38** Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if

you would believe you would see the glory of God?" **41** Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. **42** "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." **43** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" **44** And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." **45** Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

### **Epistle Reading**

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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**

*Linnea Salseg & Chet Bresser  
Josh, Rebecca, and Norah Wakefield*

### **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 427:1-4 "How Firm a Foundation"*

**Sermon**

*Jeremiah 15:19-21 ESV*

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. **20** And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. **21** I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

## **God Is with You to Save You!**

- 1. Though the Forces of Evil Fight Against You**
- 2. God Has Redeemed You and Will Deliver You**

*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.**

## **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### **The Rite of Confirmation** *Public Questions and Profession of Faith*

- *Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?*
- *Do you renounce the devil?*
- *Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*
- *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?*
- *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*
- *Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the verbally inspired and inerrant Word of God?*
- *Do you believe that the teachings of this Lutheran congregation drawn from the Bible as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are true and correct, as the Holy Spirit has led you to know and understand them?*
- *Do you desire to become a communicant member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church?*
- *Do you also, as a member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of the truth of the Holy Scripture, and to suffer all rather than fall away from it?*
- *Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the Divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace, both in Word and Sacraments; to walk in accordance with the Gospel of Christ and in faith, word, and deed remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?*

## Confirmation Blessing and Bible Verse

**Chet Michael Bresser**

*Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.*

**Cloe Marie Busse**

*1 Peter 2:21,25 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**Benjamin Joel Enter**

*Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

**Scully James Hanel**

*Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

**Emma Ilene Heinze**

*1 Timothy 6:11-12 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

**Kayla Ann Kitts**

*Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

**Mason Matthew Mariner**

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*

**Colleen Opal Olmanson**

*Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

**Maycee Kay Louise Schaefer**

*Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Lucy Ann Stratton**

*Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

**Norah Jayne Wakefield**

*Micah 7:8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The LORD will be a light to me.*

**Confirmation Hymn**

*“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

Congregation joins on verse 3

1. How deep the Father’s love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.
3. **I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

## 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!

## First Communion

### 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 427:5-7 “How Firm a Foundation”*

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## LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 4/20: **40**

Sunday Worship 4/21: **242**

Sunday Bible Class: **64**

Ambassadors: **5**

Sunday School: **2**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Blue Earth Jail (Men's)	Yes	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Study	4
Old Main/ AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Worship	13
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Ladies Auxiliary	Yes	2:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Study	8
Pathstone	Yes	10:30 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Worship	17
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					50

## THIS WEEK

Sat April 27	9:00a	Confirmation Practice
	9:30a	Cemetery Clean Up Day
	6:00p	WORSHIP
Sun April 28	9:00a	Confirmation Examination
	9:00a	Prk-4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School
	9:00a	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>
		Blessings on your week!
Mon April 29		
Tues April 30		
Wed May 1	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
Thur May 2	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri May 3	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	3:00p	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat May 4	9-5p	Wedding
	6:00p	WORSHIP Communion & Name Tag Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun May 5	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP Communion & Name Tag Weekend
	11:00a	Meet & Greet Coffee Fellowship Hour
	12:00p	Banquet Encore

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet & Greet Coffee Fellowship Hour- May 5<sup>th</sup>

Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up- May 11<sup>th</sup>

Immanuel Women Who Hike- May 8<sup>th</sup> 5pm

ILHS Graduation- May 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POTLUCK SIGN UP** Pastor Mayhew's Installation (and family welcome) potluck on May 25th needs volunteers! Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign up for what you would like to bring. Indicate on the sheet by your name if you will be bringing an entree, side, or dessert. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer to help with set up, serving or clean up, or need more information please contact Donnell Olmanson at donnell961@gmail.com or 507-351-4532.

**IMMANUEL CALLS** Teacher Matthew Kranz is currently considering the call to serve as principal of Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN. Ms. Holly Harris has accepted the call to serve as a Teacher Aide. Mrs. Deidre Macias is still considering the call to serve as a Teacher Aide.

**NEW MEMBER** Lisa Carroll has recently completed classes with Pastor Naumann and has expressed her agreement with Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church being fully convinced that in this church the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and that the Sacraments are administered according to their institution by Christ. The Board of Deacons and the Immanuel Voters have accepted her into membership at Immanuel. We cheerfully welcome her in the name of Jesus Christ and pray that we may be a blessing to her and that she may be a blessing to Immanuel!

**BANQUET ENCORE** You are invited! Sunday, May 5th at 12:00. Please come and help celebrate the 60th year of Banquet at Immanuel. After the Sunday service, join the fellowship coffee hour and then stay to enjoy the banquet play, written and performed by the class of 2025. Bring your families and friends to see the gym in full decoration as well as remembering banquets from past years! We hope to see you there!

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYNOD CALLS** Seminary graduate Paul Agenten has accepted the calls from St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler has accepted the limited call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to teach the lower grades from August through December 2024. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, has been called to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Mathew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has been called to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN. <> Teacher Neal Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, has been called to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, is still considering the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. <> Blair Sydow has received a one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran. Mrs. Laura Wales received the call to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

**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** Anthony Greve

**ORGANIST** Kristen Friedrichs

**SCREEN** (*Sat.*) Joe Furst (*Sun.*) Wyatt Lien

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

**COUNTERS** Paul Bade & Sue Jensen

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

## Serving Us Next Weekend

**PASTOR** Joe Naumann

**DEACON** Mark Matzke

**ORGANIST** Colleen Kranz

**SCREEN** (*Sat.*) Joe Furst (*Sun.*) Jen Theneman

**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