

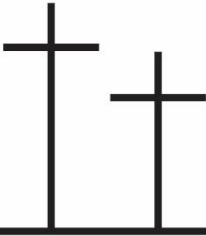


Behold the Man
whose name is
the BRANCH...

He shall *build*
the temple of
the LORD...

He shall be a *priest*
on His *throne.*

Zechariah 6:12-13



welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining our church family for worship this morning. Immanuel is a Bible based Christian congregation and so our worship reflects deep devotion to God and to His Holy Word. We especially welcome any guests or visitors and invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway of the church and invite you to join us again.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE is printed in this bulletin and will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary.

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

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

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf and stained glass window in the corner of the entryway and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway. Kid's bulletins and quiet bags can also be found in the entryway.

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

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Scan this QR code to learn more about what we believe at ImmanuelMankato.org



4th Weekend in the Season of
Advent

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

WS 701 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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. *Psalm 51:2,5*

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. *1 John 3:1*

C: ♪ Amen!

The Kyrie † O Lord

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Mark 10:47

Gloria in Excelsis † Glory in the Highest

This hymn of praise is based on the words of the angels to the shepherds on Christmas night. Since Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, this hymn of praise is often removed from our worship services during the season of Advent. The joyful hymn will reappear on Christmas and, Lord willing, with us having a greater appreciation of it after its absence from our worship.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are severely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

First Reading

1 Peter 4:3-7

For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. **4** In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. **5** They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. **7** But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

Second Reading*Luke 1:56-66*

And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house. **57** Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. **58** When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. **59** So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. **60** His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." **61** But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." **62** So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. **63** And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled. **64** Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. **65** Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. **66** And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

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!

Luke 11:28; John 20:31

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 63 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

Sermon

Zechariah 6:12-13

“Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; **13** Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”’”

The Savior is the LORD’s Temple Builder

- 1. The Builder is the BRANCH, both Priest and King**
- 2. He comes to build the Holy Christian Church**

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

**C: ♪ 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.**

Psalm 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn

TLH 62 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Offering Hymn

WS 788

**C: ♪ LORD, You love the cheerful giver
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to You.**

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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

Benediction

**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.**

Numbers 6:24-26


C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

TLH 70 "Hosanna to the Living Lord"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (DECEMBER 14-18 REPORTED)	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
Budgetary <u>\$14,658</u> Current Expenses	<u>\$537</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$2</u> CLC MDF (Missions) <u>\$4</u> CLC Kinship
Non-Budgetary <u>\$22</u> Major Improvement <u>\$100</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$155</u> Land Purchase <u>\$20</u> Benevolent <u>\$100</u> New Years Eve <u>\$50</u> Preschool Fund <u>\$2,156</u> Advent Season <u>\$30</u> Daily Rest Devotional	Memorials In Loving Memory of Mavis Anderson <u>\$100</u> Undesignated <u>\$25</u> CLC Kinship In Loving Memory of Melvin Eichstadt <u>\$25</u> ILC Student Aid <u>\$50</u> Undesignated
	

Saturday Worship 12/14: **29**
 Midweek 12/16 2pm: **138**
 Midweek 12/18 6pm: **61**

Sunday Worship 12/15: **150**
 Sunday Bible Class: **46**
 Sunday School: **16**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Monday	Worship	8
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	18
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Tuesday	Study	7
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	12
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	5
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Autumn Grace	Yes	10:45 AM	2 nd , 4 th Friday	Worship	8
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	13
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					84
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 21 6:00p Divine Worship Service

	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Dec 22	9:00a	Adult Bible Class
	9:00a	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	3-5p	Ladies Ugly Sweater Party
Mon Dec 23		Blessings on your week!
Tues Dec 24	6:00p	Christmas Eve Service
Wed Dec 25	10:00a	Christmas Day Service
Thur Dec 26	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Dec 27		
Sat Dec 28	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Dec 29	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service
		Food Shelf Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Ugly Sweater Party- December 22nd 3-5pm

Christmas Eve – December 24th 6pm

Christmas Day- December 25th 10am

New Year's Eve Communion Service- December 31st 6:00p

New Year's Day Song Service- January 1st 10am

Women's Chats- January 3rd at 5:30pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST Our Pastors produce a weekly podcast containing a devotion, weekly updates, and more. [Listen here.](#)

EMAIL LIST We send out weekly emails, reminders, and memos via our email list. To be added, contact our church secretary at church@immanuelmankato.org.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? New classes are beginning all the time! Please contact our pastors at your convenience. We look forward to welcoming you into our family!

UGLY SWEATER Women of Immanuel! Get out your glitzy Christmas sweaters and join us for a party in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, December**

22nd from 3-5. Bring a dish to share and join us for games with prizes and fun fellowship together. At the end of the party, we will join to make the Christmas Eve bags for the children's program. Any questions contact Hilary Lien.

ARTS CAMP Camp will run **March 21-23** at Immanuel Mankato and is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. **We can use your help!** Arts Camp is looking for volunteers; no arts talent required! **How can you help?**

- Plan and lead a class
- Lead a preplanned class
- Supervise (overnight/daytime or other)
- Prepare, serve, clean up a meal/snack
- Donate towards supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship
- Many other opportunities!
- Always prayers and encouragement for others to come!

Contact Amber Casto 507-327-3059 artscamp@immanuelmankato.org

WOMENS CHATS Recently, a survey went out to the women of the congregation to see how we can better serve one another. To discuss the results of the survey and to plan to move forward please try to join us for this 'Chat date'. **January 3rd at 5:30pm** in the church basement. Hope to see you there! Any questions or concerns reach out to Jen Theneman or Hilary Lien.

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

Board of Deacons: Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Property: Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Finance: Board-of-Finance@ImmanuelMankato.org

Church Council: Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor George

Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Pakistan (South Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub and Missionary Ohlmann were unable to visit Pakistan due to a medical emergency that occurred during their flight from the U.S. Their visit will be rescheduled according to God's will. In the meantime, Pastor G. and the believers in Faisalabad continue to participate in weekly online video classes with Pastor Daub. Praise and thank the Lord for His protection and healing for Pastor Daub and the excellent care he received at the hospital in Dubai. Ask the Lord to continue to bless the believers in Faisalabad as they grow in their faith and understanding of God's saving word.

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP Are you still considering plans for a family vacation in 2025? If so, the voters of Zion Lutheran Church in Loganville, GA invite you to consider the possibility of joining us for our first annual Family Bible Camp. Currently, we are hoping to have enough expressed interest in this idea to reserve the group campsite at Cloudland Canyon State Park in northwest Georgia for early June. If this is something you would be interested in, please let us know by sending an email to Pastor Frank Gantt: pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com. At this time, we are not requesting an absolute decision from you but a simple "Yes, I'm interested." Also, please inform us of how many you would likely bring if you were to join us. Please respond by December 31.

CLC YOUTH CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION 2025 CLC Youth Camp is looking for 2025 camp staff! Camp will be June 8-14, 2025 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. Staff must be 18+ to apply to be a counselor. Sign up can be found on our Facebook page or our website:

<https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>.

Email Amber Casto if you have any questions at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Applications close December 31st, 2024. If you would like to help in other ways please reach out to Amber via email!

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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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew	DEACON Schreyer & Friedrichs
ORGANIST Grace Schreyer	GREETERS Schmitt & Jensen
SCREEN Joe Furst & Russ Schmitt	COUNTERS Bade & Jensen
HEAD USHER Ben Busse	ASST USHER Michael Wheaton
USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Gaius Hensley, Mark Mayhew, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams	

Serving Us Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

PASTOR Naumann & Mayhew	DEACON Enter & Schreyer
ORGANIST Cornish & Heinze	SCREEN Russ Schmitt
HEAD USHER Ben Busse	ASST USHER Michael Wheaton
USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Gaius Hensley, Mark Mayhew, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams	

Serving Us Next Weekend

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew	DEACON Brent Schreyer
ORGANIST Laura Heinze	GREETERS Strattons
SCREEN Furst & Theneman	
USHERS Councilmen	