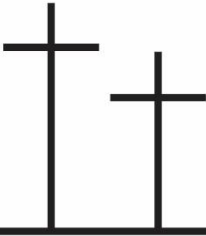
A lit candle is the central focus, surrounded by greenery and red berries. In the background, an open book is visible, with some text from Isaiah 43:19 partially legible. The overall scene is warm and festive, set against a blurred background.

Behold,
I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?

Isaiah 43:19



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



1st Weekend in the Season of

Christmas

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

TLH 98 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity.

Psalms 32:1-2

P: Let us confess our sins to the LORD.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, LORD! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 53:6

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death

on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God, now and forever.

Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 5:1

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

LSB 948

♪ **All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the Highest One.
Who did our sinful race befriend;
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will,
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

**You take the whole world's sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away;
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.
From God's right hand, Your mercy send,
To all the world Your grace extend.**

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 18:24-28

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. **25** This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. **26** So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. **27** And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; **28** for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

P: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:2,3,9; 11-13

SING TO THE LORD

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Sing to the LORD, bless His name;*
Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,*
His wonders among all peoples.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!*
Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Antiphon

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;*
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.*
Then all the trees of the woods will
rejoice before the LORD.

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.*
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

Second Reading

John 10:31-42

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. **32** Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” **33** The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” **34** Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods”’? **35** If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), **36** do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? **37** If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; **38** but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.” **39** Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. **40** And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. **41** Then many came to Him and said, “John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true.” **42** And many believed in Him there.

Response

TLH 15:2

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

C: ♪ **Eternal all Your mercies, LORD,**

Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalms 117

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

A Very Special Present

Hymn of the Day TLH 105 "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

Sermon

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, **17** Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): **18** Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. **19** Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. **20** The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. **21** This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

Jesus Turns our Sinful World Right-side Up!

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

TLH 50:2

C: ♪ Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found!

Colossians 1:3-6

Sermon Hymn

TLH 243 "Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

CW21 752

C: ♪ Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.
LORD, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name!

Lam. 3:22-23; 1 Peter 4:10

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.

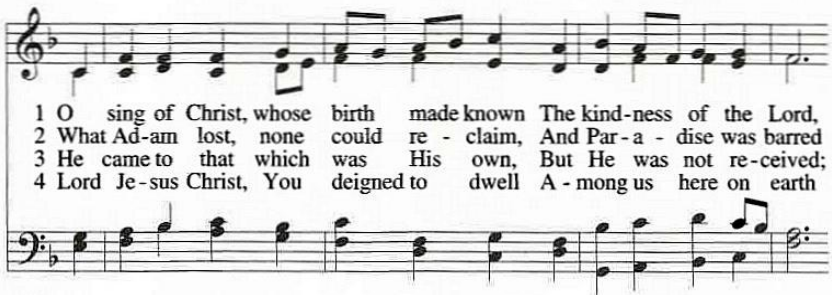
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

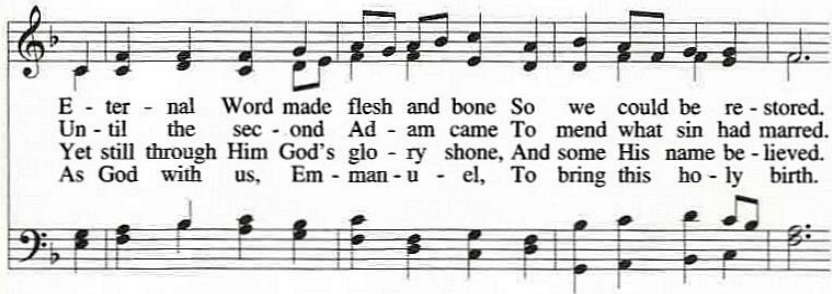
C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn


LSB 362 "O Sing of Christ"



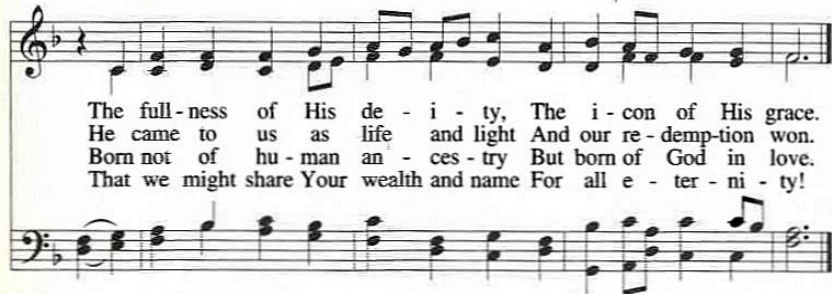
1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par-a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re-ceived;
4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (DEC 21-25 REPORTED)	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
Budgetary \$30,903 Current Expenses	\$520 CLC General Budget (CBP) \$1 CLC MDF (Missions) \$504 CLC Kinship
Non-Budgetary \$70 Major Improvement \$100 ILS Student Aid \$110 Land Purchase \$40 Benevolent \$10 New Equipment \$182 Advent Offerings \$7,435.01 Christmas Eve \$7,453.36 Christmas Day \$260 Daily Rest Devotional	Memorials In Loving Memory of Burdette Wheaton \$2,000 General Fund In Loving Memory of Jacob Busse \$100 Preschool Fund

Saturday Worship 12/21: **77**

Sunday Worship 12/22: **213**

Christmas Eve Worship 12/24: **457**

Sunday School: **49**

Christmas Day Worship: 12/25: **156**

Bible Class: **57**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Monday	Worship	8
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	18
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	18
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Tuesday	Study	7
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					51
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 28	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
Sun Dec 29	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Live Stream – CLICK HERE Food Shelf Sunday
Mon Dec 30		Blessings on your week!
Tues Dec 31	6:00p	New Year's Eve Worship
Wed Jan 1	10:00a	New Year's Day Worship
Thur Jan 2	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Jan 3	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	5:30p	Women's Chats

Sat Jan 4	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan 5	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

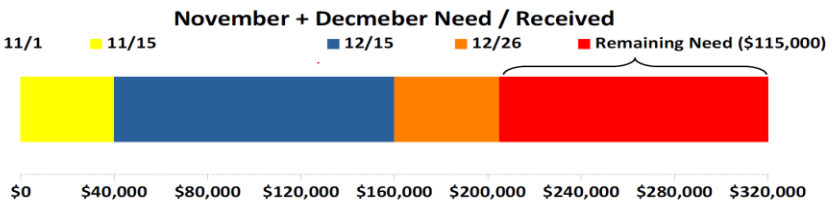
IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Note from the Treasurer: See above for the current status of yearly offerings against budget. We have received nearly 2/3 of what was needed in the last two months of the year but still have a need of ~\$115,000. Please keep this need in mind this final week of the year.



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

DEACON Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST Laura Heinze

GREETERS Strattons

SCREEN Furst & Theneman

USHERS Councilmen

Serving Us New Year's Eve/ Day

PASTOR Naumann/ Mayhew

DEACON Pfeiffer/Greve

ORGANIST G Schreyer/ Cornish

SCREEN Russ Schmitt

USHERS Councilmen

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN

COUNTERS

FLOWERS

HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

USHERS Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman, William Roettger

COMMUNION SET UP Dicks, Hoffman, Millers

COMMUNION DISTIRUTION Joel Enter, John Heinze, Paul Bade, Ben Hanel