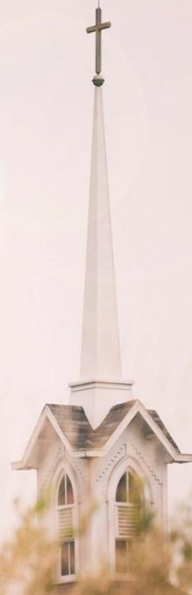
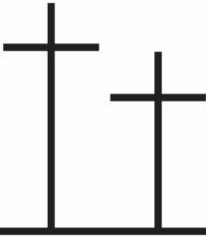


For a day in your
courts is better than

A
Thousand
Elsewhere.

Psalm 84:10





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



2nd Weekend in the Season of

Epiphany

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Worship Supplement Setting One

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 4 "God Himself Is Present"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: ♪ Amen!

The Kyrie † *O Lord*

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Mark 10:47

Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

♪ **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... O merciful Lord, who desires that we honor You in spirit and in truth, send Your Holy Spirit to cleanse us from dead works and enable us to serve You in righteousness and holiness, that through lives lived to You we might honor Your great and saving name for giving us Jesus, who is the expression of Your special, eternal love to salvation for everyone who believes, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

First Reading

Titus 2:1-10

But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: **2** that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; **3** the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— **4** that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. **6** Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, **7** in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, **8** sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. **9** Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 84 (selected verses)

P: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD;

C: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

C: They will still be praising You.

P: Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,

C: Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

P: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

C: Give ear, O God of Jacob!

P: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

C: The LORD will give grace and glory;

P: No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

C: O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

P: Glory be to God!

Joint Choir

“Speak O Lord”

Second Reading

Matthew 8:19-22

Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” **20** 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.” **21** Then another of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” **22** But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

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.**

Sermon

Psalm 84

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! **2** My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. **3** Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. **4** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah **5** Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. **6** As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. **7** They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion. **8** O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah **9** O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. **10** For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. **11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. **12** O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Follow Jesus to His House

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
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 me with Your free Spirit.**

Psalm 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn *TLH 421 “Come, Follow Me, The Savior Spake”*

Offering of Thankful Hearts *TLH 442:2*

**C: ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
‘Tis to give than to receive.**

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 50 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
(JAN 11-12 REPORTED)	\$655 CLC General Budget (CBP)
Budgetary	\$300 CLC MDF (Missions)
\$9,526.40 Current Expenses	\$5 CLC Kinship
 Non-Budgetary	
\$260 Major Improvement	
\$580 ILS Student Aid	
\$225 Land Purchase	
\$70 Benevolent	
\$20 Devotional Books	
\$100 Athletic Fund	
	

Saturday Worship 1/11: 79

Sunday Worship 1/12: 169

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	15
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Tuesday	Study	6
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	18
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	5
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	5
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Study	8
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	12
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	29
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Friday	Worship	18
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					133
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 18	6:00p	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Jan 19	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

	10:00a	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	11:00a	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Mon Jan 20	7:00p	Annual Voters Meeting
Tues Jan 21	6:30p	Women’s Study Guild
Wed Jan 22	5:00p	Confirmation Class
	5:00p	Women’s Bible Study
Thur Jan 23	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Jan 24	6:30a	Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Jan 25	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan 26	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

Annual Voters Meeting- January 20th at 7pm
Whitewater Camp- January 24th-26th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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!

WHITEWATER WEEKEND Date: January 24-26, 2025 (Friday-Sunday) Age: High School through 2nd year of college. Cost: \$75 per camper (\$83 from Eau Claire). Please make checks out to: Immanuel Ambassadors. Please give both fee and registration form to our school secretary, Mrs. Harris. Or send check to: ILS Secretary, 421 N 2nd St. Mankato MN 56001 [Click here for Online Registration form](#) (required to attend). Or go here: <https://tinyurl.com/3jcf3brc> Please submit your registration form by Friday, January 19th. Payment is DUE before departure. We hope you can attend this spiritual edifying trip where we can grow together in Christ!

WOMENS STUDY GUILD This **Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30pm** our Women's Study Guild is meeting to continue our study in Psalms. All women are invited to join us! Please use the church office door in the back of the church. Hope to see you there!

HISTORY TOUR HELP Dear Congregation, We are reaching out to request your support for The History Tour. This year, our students did an excellent job raising funds for the trip. However, we encountered challenges with our lodging, which turned out to be unsafe. As a result, we had to secure alternative accommodations, incurring an additional expense of \$8,000.

We are hopeful that our generous members can help us offset this cost. The Congregation at Immanuel has always been incredibly supportive of this trip and the associated fundraisers. We are grateful to our Lord, our church, and our school for providing this unique opportunity for our students. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Blessings, Benjamin Hanel and The Immanuel Board of Education

CHURCH KITCHEN ITEMS Please claim any items you may have left in the church kitchen before they are taken to the thrift store.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE The Immanuel High School Senior Class is hosting a blood drive at Immanuel on Friday, March 14, 2025 from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life to those who need it! Thank you for your support.

BASKETBALL FAN GEAR Trojan basketball fans interested in clothing can order from our online store. A small markup has been added to each item that will be used to support ILS athletics. There is no closing date for the store. Questions can be directed to Mr. Brandon Heinze. Online Store Link: <https://elevationsports.chipply.com/ILS/store.aspx?eid=356119&action=viewall>

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

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has received the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Myanmar (South Asia) – On December 28th, the military forcibly entered the CLC-Myanmar orphanage home, where the Kinship orphans live with Pastor Kham and his wife. They took one of the orphans, a fifteen-year-old boy, to be conscripted into the army. That day, more than 100 young boys were taken from the region. The military agreed to release any boy whose family could pay a hefty bribe. Money was quickly borrowed to pay the bribe, and the orphan was released before he could be sent away to an

unknown location, potentially never to be seen again. The CLC Board of Missions has approved a grant from Kinship to repay the loan, helping to alleviate further hardships for Pastor Kham and his family. The harsh military rule and civil war have been ongoing for nearly four years since the military coup in February 2021. Our brothers and sisters of the CLC-M have suffered greatly and live in constant fear as much of the fiercest war has been fought in the region where they are located. Thank the Lord for the safe return of the boy and for providing the resources to assist our brothers and sisters during these difficult times. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers, asking for peace, justice, good government, and relief for all who are affected by this conflict.

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!

CLC Financial Report - December 2024

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2024
General Fund	0	524,119	607,627	656,490	(83,508)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	936,481	819,402	862,050	117,079
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	29,719	53,954		86,744
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	268,933	0		1,829,215
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	99,847	80,323		140,308
Kinship	169,884	73,929	83,932		159,881
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	269,397	210,651		2,742,954
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	49,443	134,694		32,066
EduK8 Fund	47,692	17,661	0		65,353
Reserve Fund	79,964	78,184	0		158,148
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$887,113	\$563,554		\$5,214,669

General Fund – In the month of December we received about \$28,000 more than we spent. This reduced the deficit in the fund to just over of \$83,000 compared to a year ago when it we had a deficit of under \$19,000. Contributions through December are down about \$36,000 compared to last year at this time.

ILC Operations – Revenue is up about \$63,000 over the same period as last year while disbursements are up about \$14,000.

ILC Building Projects – Year-to-date contributions have been about \$188,000. December brought a decline in the market value of the investments in this fund but there is still a positive increase in market value of approximately \$80,000 for the year.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of almost \$137,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, about \$131,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just under \$1,000 of contributions to the fund.

Expenditures in December included a loan of \$150,000 to a congregation

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(3rd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanel Mayhew

DEACON Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST Friedrichs/Cornish

SCREEN Joe Furst & Wyatt Lien

HEAD USHER Fred Friedrichs

ASST USHER John Heinze

USHERS Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, William Lien, Wyatt Lien, Kevin Rykhus

Serving Us Next Weekend

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Enter/Schreyer

ORGANIST Lane Fischer

SCREEN Furst/ Schmitt

FLOWERS Debra Mayhew

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