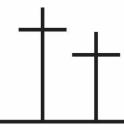


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welcome to IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 <u>ImmanuelMankato.org</u>



3rd Weekend in the Season of

Lent

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Worship Supplement Setting Two (p.12)

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 Hymn TLH 528 v.1-3 "If God Himself Be For Me"

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!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 9:13-26

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me, 14 for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth. 15 Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth. 16 But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. 17 As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go. 18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now. 19 Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.""

20 He who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. **21** But he who did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field. **22** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." **23** And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. **24** So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very

God's Love is Greater Than Every Fear 3rd Weekend in Lent

heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. **25** And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. **26** Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

Psalm of the Day

- P: The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.
- C: Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.
- P: Your throne is established from of old;

C: You are from everlasting.

- P: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice;
- C: The floods lift up their waves.

P: The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters,

C: Than the mighty waves of the sea.

P: Your testimonies are very sure;

C: Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.

Second Reading

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. **30** I and My Father are one."

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

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believethat Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!Luke 11:28; John 20:31

Psalm 93

John 10:27-30

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 258 "Lord of Our Life"

Sermon

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's Love is Greater Than Every Fear

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 (Sat)WS 785 "Children of the Heavenly Father"Arts Camp Choir (Sun)God Is For Us

Offering of Thankful Hearts / 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 528 v.13-15 "If God Himself Be For Me"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHUR (MAR 15-19 REPORTED) Budgetary \$9,949.00 Current Expens		\$ <u>1,105</u>	<u>OF THE LUTHERAN (</u> CLC General Budg LC Kinship		l
\$ <u>680</u> ILS Student Aid \$ <u>210</u> Land Purchase \$ <u>24</u> Benevolent \$ <u>15</u> ILS Kindergarten \$ <u>1,973.50</u> Lenten Offering	gs				
				8	
Saturday Worship 3/15: 65 Sunday Worship 3/16: 157					
Saturday Bible Class: 12 Sunday Bible Class: 48					
Saturday School: 5	Sunday School: 16				
Lenten Service 3/19 2pr	m: 108		Lenten Service	3/19 6pm	: 73
Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Туре	# Souls
Blue Earth's Jail (Men's)	Yes	6:00 PM	1 st , 3 rd Sundays	Study	3
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Mondays	Worship	11
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	20
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1, 3,5 th Tuesday	Study	6
Laurel's Edge/Street	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Walnut Tower	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	5
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	27
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	3
Autumn Grace	Yes	10:45 AM	2 nd , 4 th Fridays	Worship	9
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					
			continue to help lead		

THIS WEEK

Sat Mar 22	6:00p	Divine Worship Service			
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School			
	7:30p	Arts Camp Performance			
Sun Mar 23	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School			
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM			
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service			
		Live Stream – <u>CLICK HERE</u>			
	11:00a	Anchored in Hope: Loss & Grief			
Mon Mar 24	7:00p	Evening Ambassadors Bowling Night			
	7:00p	College Bible Study			
	7:00p	Athletic Open Forum Meeting			
Tue Mar 25	5:30p	Board of Elders Meeting			
	6:00p	Women's Book Club Meeting			
Wed Mar 26	2:00p	Lenten Service			
	3:00p	Ladies Auxiliary			
	5:00p	Confirmation Class			
	5:00p	Women's Bible Study			
	6:00p	Lenten Service			
Thur Mar 27	5:00p	Board of Deacons Meeting			
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice			
Fri Mar 28	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study			
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study-Finding Christ in the Old Testament			
Sat Mar 29 8:00a		Alumni Day			
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service			
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School			
Sun Mar 30	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School			
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM			
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service			
		Food Shelf Sunday			
	10:30-4:30 MPF, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved				
	11:00a	Anchored in Hope: Loss & Grief			

UPCOMING EVENTS

Evening Ambassadors- March 24th Alumni Day- March 29th Church Work Day- April 5th Cemetery Clean Up Day- April 12th Easter Egg Hunt- April 19th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALUMNI DAY Alumni Day is scheduled for **March 29, 2025** this year. Please see the schedule of events and join us for a day of basketball and fellowship. If you are interested in signing up for the 3 v 3 tournament, please use the following link: <u>https://forms.gle/Y3vc8hy9781ik5qS9</u>. 3v3 Tournament signup ends on March 21 at 3 pm.

Event Sch	edule:		
8:00 am	5-6 Girls vs Parents	9:00 am	5-6 Boys vs Parents
10:00 am	7-8 Girls vs Parents	11:00 am	7-8 Boys vs Parents
12:00 pm	JV Boys vs. Alumni	1:00 pm	V Girls vs. Alumni Basketball
2:00 pm	V Boys vs. Alumni	3:00 pm	Alumni 3 v 3 tournament
6:00 pm	Church service		

EASTER FLOWERS The Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, tulips and lilies are available. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You may take your plant/plants home after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service. Both the lilies and the tulips will be \$16 dollars each.

CHURCH WORKDAY will begin at 9:00am on **Saturday, April 5, 2025.** Everyone is welcome to come and help for as much or as little as they are able. Cleaning lists will be available in the narthex, basement, and the back-office entrance. We will also be performing regular maintenance on a few things in the facility. We have cleaning supplies, but if you prefer to bring your own, feel free. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. If you can't make it that day, we will compile a list of jobs that can be completed individually later. Thank you!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB Our 'Women's Encouragement Group' is starting a Book Club this month! This will be a women's group, but we are open to expanding to making this a men and women's book club if there is significant interest. Our first meeting will **be Tuesday, March 25th at 6pm**. This meeting will discuss the book of choice and establish the group. The book selected is 'Upside Down Spirituality' by Chad Bird. Contact Katie Dick with any questions. (612) 616-4600

CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY Pilgrims Rest Cemetery cleanup day is scheduled for April 12 this year. If the weather is uncooperative, we will move to April 26th. Volunteers are needed to assist the cemetery board with raking leaves, picking up fallen sticks/branches, picking up trash, leveling flat stones, edging flat stones, and other tasks. The start time will be 9 am with lunch being provided around 11:00 am and wrapping up the day around 1-2 PM. Please bring gloves and a rake, if you have them. If you have any questions please reach out to Tony Harris (anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com) or Scott Kruse (skruse97@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

OPEN FORUM The athletic department and Board of Education invite you to an open forum on **Monday, March 24 at 7 PM** in the church basement. We would like to discuss funding for the athletic program now that we no longer host the CAL tournament, and hear reactions to the first MCAC season. We have included a link <u>https://forms.gle/PwYqaqJNSwfXG74T8</u> if you would like to submit anything early, or if you are not able to attend but have questions or ideas.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHUCH March 29-30 we are having an Invite a Friend to Church weekend. Please use the invites in the narthex to invite someone you know to join us for worship that weekend!

STUDY GUILD CARD DISPLAY Women's Study Guild has updated the card display in the back church entry. It includes Easter, Confirmation, Graduation and Mother's Day. There are also get well, sympathy, encouragement and birthday cards. Cards are available for purchase of \$1.00 each.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew whose call will expire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD. <> Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) have accepted their respective calls to Berea Lutheran School of Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew **ORGANIST** Laura Heinze

HEAD USHER Ben Busse

DEACON Joel Enter **SCREEN** Furst/Theneman 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 Midweek

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

ORGANIST Fischer/G Schrever

HEAD USHER Ben Busse

ASST USHER Michael Wheaton **USHERS** Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Gaius Hensley, Mark Mayhew,

SCREEN Lien

DEACON Wolle/Enter

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

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke

DEACON Mac Friedrichs **SCREEN** Furst/Lien

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

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