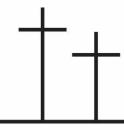
that I may... be found in [Jesus], not having my own rightconsness, which is from the LAW, but that which is through faith in Christ, the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** which is from God by **FAITH**. Philippians 3:8-9

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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>



6th Weekend in the Season of



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 37 "Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee"

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 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, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, LORD God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- Alone, O Christ, You only are the LORD, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify. Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Grant unto us, Lord, the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may always think and do such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be empowered to live according to Your will, through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever, Amen.

C: ♪ Amen.

First Reading

Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" **34** But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. **35** And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to

Mark 9:33-37

them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." **36** Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, **37** Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Psalm of the Day

P: Your hands have made me and fashioned me;

C: Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

P: Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, **C: Because I have hoped in Your word.**

P: I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, C: And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

P: Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, **C: According to Your word to Your servant.**

P: Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; **C: For Your law is my delight.**

- P: Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood;
- C: But I will meditate on Your precepts.

P: Let those who fear You turn to me,

C: Those who know Your testimonies.

P: Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,

C: That I may not be ashamed.

Second Reading

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. 20 Those who are sinning

1 Timothy 5:17-25

Psalm 119:73-80

rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear. 21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. 22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. 23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities. 24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. 25 Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

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

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

Building Relationships

Sermon

Joshua 24:14-28

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." 16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18 And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God." 19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good." 21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD!" 22 So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!" 23 "Now therefore," he said, "put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel." 24 And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary

of the LORD. **27** And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God." **28** So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance.

Relationship Equals Service

1. God's People Serve the LORD

2. Because the LORD Serves His People

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 413 v.1-2,5-6 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

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 451 "Stand Up! – Stand Up for Jesus"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (JULY 19-20 REPORTED) Budgetary \$7,052 Current Expenses	CHURCH OF THE LUT \$ <u>522_</u> CLC General \$250_CLC MDF (M	Budget (CBP)
<i>Non-Budgetary</i> \$ <u>2</u> Major Improvement \$ <u>101</u> ILS Student Aid \$ <u>125</u> Land Purchase \$ <u>20</u> Benevolent \$ <u>15</u> Evangelism PR	Scan this QR code to contribute via CashApp	

Saturday Worship 7/19: 84

Sunday Worship 7/20: 149

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Туре	# Souls
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	6
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	16
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Summer Evening Ambassadors	Yes	7:00 PM	Wednesdays	Study	5
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Summer Bible Study	Yes	6:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	3
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	29
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	6:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	3
Autumn Grace	Yes	10:45 AM	2 ^{nd,} 4 th Friday	Study	8
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:			123		

THIS WEEK

6:00p	Divine Worship Service
9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
9:00a	Divine Worship Service
	Live Stream – <u>CLICK HERE</u>
	VBS Week Begins!
5:15p	Board of Elders Meeting
2:00p	Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting
	9:00a 9:00a 5:15p

Thur July 31	5:00p	Board of Deacons Meeting
	6:00p	Summer Bible Study
Fri Aug 1	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	6:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat Aug 2	11:00a	Funeral for Pastor Dale Redlin
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
Sun Aug 3	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Immanuel Women Who Hike Event- August 13th 5:30pm Adopt-a- Highway Clean Up- August 16th 9:00am

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST Our pastors produce a podcast with several episodes each week. On Monday, the sermon from the past weekend is posted. On Wednesday they post an episode which includes a devotion, weekly updates, and more. Then on Friday, a hymn study is posted which introduces and explains one of the hymns for the upcoming weekend. A wealth of information and encouragement is offered through our podcast! 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!

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 Elders:	Board-of-Elders@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Deacons:	Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Property:	Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org
Finance Committee:	Finance-Committee@ImmanuelMankato.org
Church Council:	Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT WEEKEND Next weekend we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in our worship service. The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift the Lord has given to His church. Through it, as the Bible says, we receive Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin. But because it is so precious and powerful, the Lord has also commanded us to handle it with great care. *"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).*

The Bible also teaches that when people commune together they are publicly showing that they hold a common belief in all of the Bible's teachings. The Apostle Paul declares: *"Because there is one loaf, we, who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).* Thus, reception of the Lord's Supper is a public announcement that you stand in total agreement with the doctrine and practice of your congregation and church body and are united with them in faith and fellowship.

For these reasons, it is very important to us who communes with us. Therefore, if you are a visitor to our church, but would like to commune with us in the future, we ask that you speak with one of our pastors to discuss this matter. We follow this practice in obedience to the Word of God, and not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God. We thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER The apostle Paul reminds us of the importance of personal preparation for the Lord's Supper saying: *"Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup"* (1 Corinthians 11:28). As an aid to communicants in such examination in preparation for next weekend, we suggest the use of Psalm 38 or another Psalm of Repentance. Please sign our Communion Register in the Church Narthex or in the Church Office Entrance if you plan to receive the Lord's Supper next weekend.

May the LORD strengthen and comfort each of our communicants through the reception of this Sacrament next weekend!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Our clean-up day for the highway is scheduled for 9am on **Saturday, August 16th.**

IMMANUEL WOMEN WHO HIKE Our summer hike is planned and now we just need YOU! If you are a woman or girl who likes to hike, please join us on **August 13th at 5:30pm.** We are hiking at Seven Mile Creek Park. Ask Hilary Lien in the office if you have questions.

SCHOOL WINDOW WASHING If anyone is willing and able to help out with washing the exterior of windows in the school building before school starts, please reach out to Lane Fischer (<u>lane.fischer@immanuelmankato.org</u> or 507-327-9886) for more information. Thank you!

LADIES AUXILIARY will meet on **Wednesday July 30th at 2:00 PM** in the church basement. We are studying WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. All women of Immanuel are welcome to join us. Please use the south entrance. After our bible study we have a short meeting and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one day retreat on **Saturday, October 25th** from 9am-4pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / jtheneman@live.com) with any questions.

GIFT CARD TRAIN FOR ALEX AND MIRANDA HANEL A Gift Card Train has been organized to help Alex and Miranda Hanel with expenses due to the premature birth of their daughter Ryleigh, who is still in NICU in Rochester. You can drop gift cards into the box in the narthex to help them with gas, food or other needs in the coming weeks. They recently shared the following note of appreciation for the support of their fellow Christians:

"The generosity of spirit and of wallet truly amazes us. It's easy to lose sight of how amazing our fellowship is until something happens personally and you feel it first hand. We're blessed and thankful for all the prayers that have gone out through the podcast and church services. God hears everything and has been answering those prayers with grace. Ryleigh is growing and taking it one day at a time one week at a time. All the gifts given mean so much to us. They relieve any kind of stress of going back and forth so much. We live in the greatest country in the world, but gas is still right up there and 4 trips to Rochester a week make a person question fiscal responsibility. Thanks again for putting everything together. It is all very appreciated."

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALL NEWS Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht have both accepted their part-time, one-year calls to St. John's, Okabena, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has received the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. **INSTALLATIONS** On Sunday, July 27, 2025, Mikkela Schmitt will be installed as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.**RETIREMENTS** Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Bangladesh (South Asia) – Due to Islamic festivals in Bangladesh, which is predominantly Muslim, and the annual monsoon season, the BLCM building project experienced delays as workers took time off, and the rains continue to impact working conditions. Despite these challenges, progress has been made. The Board of Missions has sent the first three installments of an MDF grant to support this project. The plan is to distribute the remaining funds over the next few months to complete Phase One. Contributions to the MDF will help complete phase one of the project and continue supporting other MDF projects worldwide. This multipurpose building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.

HARVEST FESTIVAL INVITE Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to our annual Harvest Festival: 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 10. An outdoor service of first-fruits thanksgiving will be held on the grounds of the historic Guelph School, followed by a smoked pork dinner. Guelph, ND, is between Ellendale and Oakes, ND, one mile off ND-11 at the sign which directs you north. Turn right into Guelph, and you will find the school grounds just east of the three houses in town. You will see plenty of parked cars. Please let us know if you plan on traveling from a distance to join us for the evening. For more information, contact pastor daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to <u>church@ImmanuelMankato.org</u> 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

ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

HEAD USHER Ben Busse

DEACON Mac Friedrichs SCREEN Furst, Carstensen ASST USHER Michael Wheaton

USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Travis Miller, Kevin Moeri, Bernt Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann	DEACON Brent Schreyer
ORGANIST Grace Schreyer	SCREEN
HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke	ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs
USHERS Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, A	Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Philip
Stelter, Ross Theneman, Will	liam Roettger
	offman Hagons

COMMUNION SET UP Strattons, Hoffman, Hagens

COMMUNION DISTIRUTION Williams, Stratton, J Heinze, B Heinze, Schrader

Text	
Theme	
Notes	
Specific	Law (How does this text point out my sin?)
Specific	Gospel (How does this text point to Jesus?)
Specific	Application (How does this text teach me to live?)