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# 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 <a href="mailto:lmmanuelMankato.org">lmmanuelMankato.org</a>



# 8<sup>th</sup> Weekend in the Season of

# Trinity

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on The Lutheran Hymnal (p. 5)

#### The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C):** ♪ **Amen.**Matthew 28:19

# **Opening Prayer**

# **Opening Hymn**

TLH 1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

#### **Confession and Absolution of Sins**

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

  Hebrews 10:22
- P: Our help is in the name of the LORD.
- **C:** ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.
- **C:** ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5
- P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your onlybegotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. *John 1:12; Mark 16:16*
- P: Grant this, LORD, unto us all.
- C: ♪ Amen!

#### **Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 26 (selected verses)

- P: Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity.
- C: I have also trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip.
- P: For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,
- C: And I have walked in Your truth.
- P: I have not sat with idolatrous mortals,
- C: Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
- P: I have hated the assembly of evildoers,
- C: And will not sit with the wicked.
- P: I will wash my hands in innocence;
- C: So I will go about Your altar, O LORD,
- P: That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,
- C: And tell of all Your wondrous works.
- P: LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house,
- C: And the place where Your glory dwells.
- P: But as for me, I will walk in my integrity;
- C: Redeem me and be merciful to me.
- P: Glory be to God!

### **The Gloria Patri** † Glory to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. 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

♪ Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise You, we bless You,

we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You that take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

You that take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29* 

#### The Salutation

P: The LORD be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

# Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus says the LORD: "What injustice have your fathers found in Me, That they have gone far from Me. Have followed idols. And have become idolaters? 6 Neither did they say, 'Where is the LORD, Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, Through a land of deserts and pits, Through a land of drought and the shadow of death, Through a land that no one crossed And where no one dwelt?' 7 I brought you into a bountiful country, To eat its fruit and its goodness. But when you entered, you defiled My land And made My heritage an abomination. 8 The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' And those who handle the law did not know Me; The rulers also transgressed against Me; The prophets prophesied by Baal, And walked after things that do not profit. 9 Therefore I will yet bring charges against you," says the LORD, "And against your children's children I will bring charges. 10 For pass beyond the coasts of Cyprus and see, Send to Kedar and consider diligently, And see if there has been such a thing. 11 Has a nation changed its gods, Which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory For what does not profit. 12 Be astonished, O heavens, at this, And be horribly afraid; Be very desolate," says the LORD. 13 "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water. 14 Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn slave? Why is he plundered? 15 The young lions roared at him, and growled; They made his land waste; His cities are burned, without inhabitant. 16 Also the people of Noph and Tahpanhes Have broken the crown of your head. 17 Have you not brought this on yourself, In that you have forsaken the LORD your God When He led you in the way?

#### C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **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

Fellowship

Hymn of the Day

TLH 338 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

#### Sermon - Part 1

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

#### 17 Therefore

"Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

> 18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

**7:1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

# A God-Pleasing Fruit of Faith Is

Separation from What Is False

# Sermon Hymn

TLH 260 v.1,2,6 "O Lord, Look Down" (To the tune of TLH 604)

O LORD, look down from heav'n, behold, and let Your pity waken; how few are we within your fold, Your saints by all forsaken.

True faith seems quenched on ev'ry hand, Your Word is not allowed to stand; dark times have us o'ertaken.

With fraud which they themselves invent Your truth they have confounded; Their hearts are not with one consent On Your pure doctrine grounded. While they parade with outward show, They lead the people to and fro, In error's maze astounded.

Defend your truth, O God, and stay this evil generation, and from the error of its way keep your own congregation. The wicked ev'rywhere abound and would your little flock confound, but you are our salvation!

#### Sermon - Part 2

Matthew 5:22-24

"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his

brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

# A God-Pleasing Fruit of Faith Is

Reconciliation with Our Brother

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

# Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn

"Help Us Forgive, Forgiving Lord"

(Author: Herman G. Stuempfle; To the tune of TLH 378)

Help us forgive, forgiving Lord the wrong that others do, and, when our hearts are pierced by pain, to bring the hurt to you.

For on the cross you bore for us the curse, the scorn, the hate and gave your life to lift from us sin's cruel and crushing weight.

Let grace unlock each prisoned heart, uncoil each fisted hand until from hate our hearts are freed, our hands in love extend. And then, the broken circle closed, the broken friendships healed, Lord, hold us fast within the bonds by your forgiveness sealed.

# Offering of Thankful Hearts

# **Offering Hymn**

CW21 751 v.2

C: ♪ To us are given gifts divine,
 All talents You have sent;
 Inspire us now to use them well
 Your Kingdom to extend.
 We hold each gift a trust from You
 Nor claim it as our own;
 We gratefully acknowledge, Lord,
 All things are Yours alone.

### 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 24 "Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care"

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#### **LAST WEEK**

Saturday Worship 8/2: **61** Sunday Worship 8/3: **251** 

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Туре	# Souls
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	5
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	6
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	6
Summer Evening Ambassadors	Yes	7:00 PM	Biweekly Wednesdays	Study	4
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Cottagewod Senior Community	Yes	9:45 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Study/Worship	12
Thursday Night Bible Study	Yes	6:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	21
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	26
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	6
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	6:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	7
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					100
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

# **THIS WEEK**

Sat Aug 9	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Special Church Council Meeting
Sun Aug 10	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Divine Worship Service
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE
Mon Aug 11	6:00p	ERC Meeting
	7:00p	Special Voter's Meeting
Tues Aug 12	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
Wed Aug 13	5:30p	Immanuel Women Who Hike
	7:00p	Church Council Meeting
Thur Aug 14	10:00a	Women's Book Club Meeting
	6:00p	Bible Study
Fri Aug 15	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	6:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat Aug 16	9:00a	Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up Day
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Communion
Sun Aug 17	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Divine Worship Service 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Communion

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Special Voters Meeting- August  $11^{\text{th}}$  7pm

#### IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND A new school year is just around the corner! In preparation for the coming school year, we will be focusing on Christian Education here at Immanuel next weekend. Our service we will highlight the blessings God gives through Christian Education and the calling He has given us to instruct the next generation in the truths of God's Word. We will also install Immanuel's five new full-time teachers into their roles: Mr. Rick Mariner as our school Principal, Mr. Michael Wheaton as our Assistant Principal and teacher (PE and 1-2 Math), Mrs. Debra Mayhew as teacher of Grades 1-2, Mrs. Jackie Friedrichs as Music Teacher, and Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting as Religion Teacher (7-8 Bible History and 9-10 Religion). Please join us next weekend as we ask the LORD for His blessing on the coming school year!

**TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST** Our Pastors produce a weekly podcast containing our weekend sermon (Monday), a devotion, weekly updates, and more (Wednesday), and a hymn study (Friday). <u>Listen here.</u>

**EMAIL LIST** We send out weekly emails, reminders, and memos via our email list. To be added, contact our church secretary at <a href="mailto:church@immanuelmankato.org">church@immanuelmankato.org</a>.

**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.orgBoard of Elders:Board-of-Elders@ImmanuelMankato.orgBoard of Deacons:Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.orgBoard of Property:Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.orgFinance Committee:Finance-Committee@ImmanuelMankato.orgChurch Council:Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

**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 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.** We are hiking at Seven Mile Creek Park. Ask Hilary Lien in the office if you have questions.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** Our summer cleanup day of the year is scheduled for **Saturday, August 16**<sup>th</sup> **at 9:00am!** Our highway that we clean for our community is located on Monks Avenue starting at Stadium Road and heading south 2 miles to County Road 90. This project will need volunteers to come out and clean up trash and debris. Wear any Immanuel Gear you may have, bring a pair of gloves and walking shoes. We plan to meet at the 'Free Lot 23' for MSU (right across from the Kwik Trip) before we get started! Hope to see you there!

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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y">https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y</a>. 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.

MAN UP WEEKEND: Men 18 and older are encouraged to attend our Man-Up weekend September 25-28, 2025. It will be held at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The theme for this year is Ephesians 2: 8-10. Participants will enjoy Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team Building and Encouragement for Men, and Worship, as well as activities like Rock Climbing, Hiking, Arrow Tag, Mountain Biking, Trivia Challenge, Grilling, Bonfires, and Music. Registration is \$75 (\$150 after August 30). Contact Gerald Oster (715-441-7293; <a href="mailto:gnaoster@gmail.com">gnaoster@gmail.com</a>) for more information.

### SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYNOD NEWS** CALL NEWS Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has accepted the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

**INSTALLATIONS** On Sunday, August 10, 2025, Pastor Frank Gantt will be installed at Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> On Sunday, August 17, 2025 Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN will install Mr. Rick Mariner as Principal, Mr. Michael Wheaton as Assistant Principal with a 1-year

call, Mrs. Debra Mayhew as 1-2 Grade Teacher with a 1-year call, Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting as a part-time Religion Teacher, and Mrs. Jackie Friedrichs as Music Teacher.

**RETIREMENTS** Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of September 6-7, 2025.

**ANNIVERSARY** St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA, will observe Pastor Mark Gullerud's 50th year since his ordination on August 17, 2025.

**CLC MISSION PRAYERS** The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Palangyos has started remodeling a new worship and Bible training facility that his sister donated to the LAMP. One of the two LAMP congregations has recently experienced significant growth with new members, increased attendance, and baptisms. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to <a href="mailto:church@ImmanuelMankato.org">church@ImmanuelMankato.org</a> or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!



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**ASST USHER** Mike Schweim

# We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew DEACON Joel Enter ORGANIST Laura Heinze SCREEN Furst/Lien

**HEAD USHER** Paul Bade

**USHERS** Jeremy Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Alex Matzke, Justin Mueller

# Serving Us Next Weekend

(3rd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST Laura Heinze

SCREEN Furst/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

# **Sermon Notes**

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Theme	-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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?)