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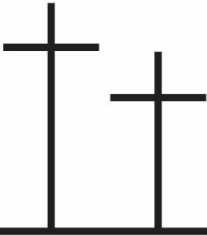
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MARK 9:14-27

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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 ImmanuelMankato.org



15th Weekend in the Season of

Trinity

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Worship Supplement Setting Two

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 521:1-4 "What God Ordains"

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... O Lord, we pray, let Your grace always go before and follow after us and continually help us to devote ourselves to good works; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:8-57:2

The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,
"Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him." **9** All you beasts of the field, come to devour, All you beasts in the forest. **10** His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. **11** Yes, they are greedy dogs Which never have enough. And they are shepherds Who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own

territory. **12** "Come," one says, "I will bring wine, And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink; Tomorrow will be as today, And much more abundant." **57:1** The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are taken away, While no one considers That the righteous is taken away from evil. **2** He shall enter into peace; They shall rest in their beds, Each one walking in his uprightness.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51:1-9

P: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;

C: According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: And cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I acknowledge my transgressions,

C: And my sin is always before me.

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight--

C: That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: And in sin my mother conceived me.

P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,

C: And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Make me hear joy and gladness,

C: That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

P: Hide Your face from my sins,

C: And blot out all my iniquities.

Church Choir

"The Father Looks on Me"

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:1-20

What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? **2** Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. **3** For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? **4** Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) **6** Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? **7** For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? **8** And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"?-- as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just. **9**

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. **10** As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; **11** There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. **12** They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." **13** "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; **14** "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." **15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** Destruction and misery are in their ways; **17** And the way of peace they have not known." **18** "There is no fear of God before their eyes." **19** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

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.**

Children's Sermon

Faith's Power

Hymn of the Day

TLH 396 "Oh, for a Faith"

Sermon

Mark 9:14-27

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. **15** Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. **16** And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" **17** Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. **18** "And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." **19** He answered him and said, "O faithless generation,

how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." **20** Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. **21** So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. **22** "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." **23** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." **24** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" **25** When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" **26** Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

The Paradox of Christian Life

1. Sin in the Midst of Grace
2. Doubts in the Midst of Faith

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

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 373:1-5 "By Grace I'm Saved"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Ensemble

“Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

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 and 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 373:6-7 “By Grace I’m Saved”

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LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
<u>(SEPT 20-21 REPORTED)</u>	<u>\$885</u> CLC General Budget (CBP)
<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>\$260</u> CLC MDF (Missions)
<u>\$8,376.75</u> Current Expenses	<u>\$4</u> CLC Kinship
	<u>\$500</u> ILC Student Aid
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>	
\$__ Major Improvement	
<u>\$550</u> ILS Student Aid	
<u>\$1,150</u> Land Purchase	
<u>\$60</u> Benevolent	
<u>\$1,200</u> Land Purchase Commitments	

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Saturday Worship 9/20: **74**

Saturday Bible Class: **13**

Sunday Worship 9/21: **189**

Sunday Bible Class: **49**

Sunday School: **26**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	12
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	7
Women's Study Guild	Yes	6:30 PM	3rd Tuesday	Study	7
Ladies Auxiliary	Yes	2:00 PM	4 th Wednesday	Study	12
Preparing Phoebe	Yes	7:00 PM	Quarterly	Study	14
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	38
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	5
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	4
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					127
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Sept 27	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Sept 28	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE

		Food Shelf Sunday
	11:00a	Freshmen Carnival
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon Sept 29		Blessings on your week!
Tues Sept 30		
Wed Oct 1	5:00p	Doctrine Class
Thur Oct 2	6:15p	Adult Choir Practice
Fri Oct 3	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat Oct 4	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Oct 5	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teachers Conference- October 15-17th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHERS CONFERENCE Immanuel Lutheran Church and School has the honor of hosting the 2025 CLC Teachers' Conference, which will be held **Wed., Oct. 15 – Fri., Oct. 17**. The food committee is looking for volunteers to help with preparing meals, serving meals and snacks, and cleaning up after meals. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Julie Busch and let her know in which capacity (meal preparation, serving, or clean up) you can help. Contact Julie Busch at Julie.busch@immanuelmankato.org.

HOUSING HELP NEEDED Teachers' Conference will take place here on **October 15-17**, and we are looking for housing accommodations for our fellow CLC teachers from out of town. Housing will be needed on Wednesday and Thursday of that week, and possibly Tuesday evening as well for those traveling a greater distance. Host families typically provide breakfast but the rest of the meals will be taken care of at school. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or speak to Debra Mayhew. Please specify the number of teachers you can house, as well as any male/female preferences. Thank you!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE The Immanuel High School Senior Class is hosting a blood drive at Immanuel **on Friday, October 31, 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.

USED SMART PHONE DRIVE Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!

FRESHMAN CARNIVAL The ILS Class of 2029 will be hosting the annual Freshman Carnival this weekend on **Sunday, September 28th** immediately after church in the gymnasium. Invite your friends and stick around to enjoy some carnival games, tasty food, and a silent auction showcasing the generosity of Mankato area businesses. All proceeds go to the current freshman class to fund their future class trip.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS This year in Bible Class we are going through an Adult Bible Instruction course called "Shadows and Substance." The course is often used for instruction of new members but also serves as a good review of Bible History and basic Bible doctrines. We have already discussed important doctrines regarding the Nature of God, the Creation of the World and Marriage in the first chapter of Genesis. We invite everyone to join us each weekend. You can pick up one lesson at a time as we go through them, or you can pick up a binder to collect all the studies together. If you would like to have all the lessons, let one of the pastors know and they can print off the entire study for you. This year, for the first time, we are also live streaming our Bible Classes, so you can find the videos of our study each week on our church YouTube page. We pray that this will be beneficial for our members at a distance, members who miss a week for one reason or another, or for those who don't usually attend Bible Class in person. If you have any questions, please speak to one of our pastors. May the LORD bless us in our use and study of God's precious Word!

TRUNK OR TREAT October 12th from 2-4pm. We are looking forward to putting on another family-friendly event this year and giving parents an alternative to Halloween and trick or treating. This is more fun every year!!! But to have a Trunk or Treat we need volunteers to bring a "Trunk!" The younger kids appreciate and love seeing the older kids and families making this so much fun for them. If you are interested in helping or looking for other ways you

can be involved, please reach out to Rachel Naumann at 952.303.1784.
<https://forms.gle/SiKbCVzFaTjktFbJ7>. Thank you!

WEDDING INVITATION Julia Mayhew and Benjamin Radermacher will be married in a Christ-centered wedding service at Immanuel on **Saturday, October 11th at 3:00 pm**. The congregation is invited to the service and to share in the joy of their special day.

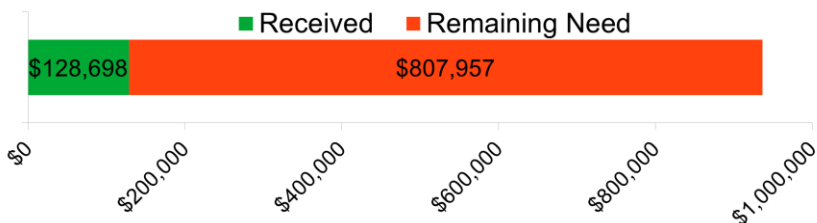
Cana's Guest, this union hallow;
in Your arms embrace this pair.
Savior, clothe them with the garments
they will daily need to wear:
patience, kindness, and compassion,
gentleness, humility;
robe them, Lord, with love to bind them
in a perfect unity. Amen

OSC 651:3

THE BENEVOLENT FUND has recently disbursed several gifts at the direction of the Board of Deacons and needs replenishment so that we can continue to help those in need. Please consider giving this important fund and keep this important ministry in your prayers. Thank you!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Plate Offerings To Date for Period July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026



SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD NEWS CALL NEWS Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church,

Cheyenne, WY, has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. **DEDICATION** Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate their new church building (1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00pm.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS India (South Asia) – Seventeen students graduated and were ordained as CLCI pastors in late June. These men successfully completed three years of full-time theological studies at the CLCI seminary and will now be assigned to new and established CLCI congregations. A joint pastoral conference of the CLCI and BELC is tentatively being planned for October to coincide with Missionary Ohlmann's planned visit. Please pray that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India, especially amid the increasing persecution against Christians. Also, ask the Lord to bless the new pastors of CLCI and the preparations for the upcoming pastoral conference in October.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Church@ImmanuelMankato.org 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 Joe Naumann

ORGANIST Laura Heinze

HEAD USHER Ben Busse

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

DEACON Paul Bade

SCREEN Furst/Carstensen

ASST USHER Michael Wheaton

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

ORGANIST Fischer/ Cornish

HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke

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

COMMUNION SET UP Strattons, Hoffman & Theneman

COMMUNION DISTIRUTION Wheaton, Heller, Pfeiffer, Stratton, Heinze

DEACON Mac Friedrichs

SCREEN

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

Sermon Notes

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?)
