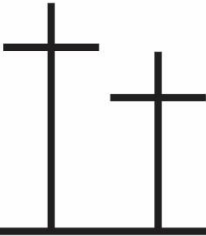




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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



1st Weekend in the Season of

Advent

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19

Congregation (C): *(spoken)* Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 68 "The Advent of Our King"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: As we wait for the second coming of Christ, the Wisdom of God and Key who opens heaven's gates, let us prepare our hearts for His arrival by confessing our sins.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we have sought knowledge apart from You, that we have heard Your commandments but disobeyed them, that our faith has been easily shaken, that we have closed our hearts to Your mercy, that we have walked in shadows of doubt and despair, that we follow the lead of the devil, and that we have forgotten about Your presence in our lives. Come to us, O LORD, forgive us for Jesus sake and restore us according to Your mercy.

P: Hear the good news of Advent hope: Jesus, the Wisdom of God, teaches us the way of truth. Jesus, our Lord, delivers us from sin and death. Jesus, the Root of Jesse, deepens our trust. Jesus, the Key of David, opens to us the kingdom of grace. Jesus, the Dayspring, brings light

to our darkness. Jesus, the King of the Nations, unites us in His peace. Jesus, Immanuel – God with us – forgives, renews, and restores.

P: Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I proclaim to you: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

A Litany for Advent

Lord Je-sus, come to us, we
pray, bring us Your truth, show us Your
way, as once the pro - phets did fore -
tell, Oh, come to us, Im-man-u - el.
The u - ni - verse is in our
care, help us pro - tect, help us to
share, send us Your peace, Your glad No -
el, Oh, come to us, Im-man-u - el.

Our world is torn in war and
sin. Our peo-ple hurt with-out, with -
in. Your heal-ing love will make us
well, Oh, come to us, Im-man-u - el.
Pre-pare our hearts, tell all the
earth that we may cel - e-brate Your
birth. Oh, en-ter in our lives to -
dwell. Oh, come to us Im-man-u - el.

TEXT: Shirley W. McRae

TUNE: *O Waly Waly* arranged by Shirley W. McRae

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Make Your power evident and come to us,
O Lord. Protect us, rescue us from the peril of our sin,
and enable us to know Your salvation; through Him who

lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-31

Does not wisdom cry out, And understanding lift up her voice? **2** She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, Beside the way, where the paths meet. **3** She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, At the entrance of the doors: **4** "To you, O men, I call, And my voice is to the sons of men. **5** O you simple ones, understand prudence, And you fools, be of an understanding heart. **6** Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips will come right things; **7** For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips. **8** All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them. **9** They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge. **10** Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; **11** For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her. **12** "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion. **13** The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. **14** Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. **15** By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. **16** By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth. **17** I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. **18** Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. **19** My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver. **20** I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, **21** That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries. **22** "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. **23** I

have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth. **24** When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. **25** Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; **26** While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primeval dust of the world. **27** When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, **28** When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, **29** When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, **30** Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, **31** Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

Church Choir

“Come, Lord Jesus”

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:24-30

But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. **27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; **28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **29** that no flesh should glory in His presence. **30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Response to the Word

TLH 70:1-2

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

C: ♪ **Hosanna to the living Lord!**

Hosanna to the Incarnate Word!

**To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing.**

**O Savior, with protecting care
abide in this Your house of prayer,
where we Your parting promise claim,
assembled in Your sacred name.**

Confession of Faith

Explanation to the 2nd Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death.**

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 65:1-4 "When Sinners See"

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

O Come, O Wisdom

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

TLH 62

**C: ♪ O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us Your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Sermon Hymn

TLH 61 “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

TLH 55:3

**C: ♪ My hosannas and my palms
graciously receive, I pray You;
evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay You,
and in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Your merit through Your grace.**

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 75:1,4 “Ye Sons of Men, Oh Hearken”

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LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
<u>(NOV 22-27 REPORTED)</u>	<u>\$399</u> CLC General Budget (CBP)
<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>\$60</u> CLC MDF (Missions)
<u>\$8,058.86</u> Current Expenses	<u>\$114</u> CLC Kinship
 <i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
<u>\$4</u> Major Improvement	Scan this QR code to contribute via CashApp 
<u>\$245</u> ILS Student Aid	
<u>\$190</u> Land Purchase	
<u>\$31</u> Benevolent	
<u>\$5,896</u> Thanksgiving	

Saturday Worship 11/22: **68**

Saturday Bible Class: **9**

Thanksgiving Eve: **118**

Thanksgiving Day: **114**

Sunday Worship 11/23: **234**

Sunday Bible Class: **70**

Sunday School: **23**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	8
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	13
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	7
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Friday	Worship	15
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Nov 29	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Nov 30	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	Sunday School Teacher Meeting
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon Dec 1		Blessings on your week!
Tues Dec 2	7:00p	Outreach Meeting

Wed Dec 3	2:00p	Advent Midweek Service
	5:00p	Advent Chili Night
	6:00p	Advent Midweek Service
Thur Dec 4	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Dec 5	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Dec 6	11-4pm	Church Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Dec 7	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

Advent Chili Night- December 3rd 5:00pm

Youth Group Christmas Party- December 10th 7pm

Coffee & Creativity- December 13th

Christmas Caroling Meeting- December 13&14th

Cozy Christmas Party Preparing Phoebe & Teaching Timothys-
December 20th 3pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET A special Advent devotional booklet has been prepared for our use during this Advent season. The booklet includes a summary of each of the titles for Jesus which we will be studying and the thoughts that will surround our worship in each service. You are invited to pick up one of these booklets in the narthex this weekend. The prayer is that the thoughts, reflections and prayers in the booklet will help you prepare for each service and contemplate the mystery of God's salvation in the promised Savior.

COZY CHRISTMAS PARTY 5-8th grade girls and boys are welcome to join in for a Christmas Party on **December 20th from 3-6pm** in the church fellowship hall. Preparing Phoebe is hosting this party, **and our boys 5-8th grade bible study group called Teaching Timothys will be launching!** More details to come!

GIFT CARD PROGRAM Immanuel Lutheran School operates a gift card program that brings rebate money back to our school and can be used to reduce tuition for students. Gift cards can be great gifts for family and friends, and a wonderful way to support our school. The details of the program can be found by checking out the documents using the QR code below or contacting Mr. Brandan Heinze. You should read this before signing up for and purchasing any gift cards.



To purchase gift cards from RaiseRight, sign up at www.raiseright.com/enroll. Use enrollment code: N36D5J7EQWFT. Please take special note that in order for you to

receive a shared rebate towards your tuition/fee bill you must first have a RaiseRight Program Agreement form filled out in the school office before you make an order.

We are working on updating some of the language around group orders and are planning to offer more opportunities to purchase physical cards throughout the year. Stay tuned for additional details. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Heinze at brandan.heinze@immanuelmankato.org. Mr. Heinze will be available after church **on Saturday, November 29; and Sunday, November 30** to answer questions and take orders for the upcoming Holiday Season.

KIWANIS Shine the Light of Christ at Kiwanis Holiday Lights!

We still have plenty of space to volunteer for Kiwanis! We need 4-6 more souls to help with concessions.

ILS Night at the Park: **Dec. 14** Bonus: Additional reward for volunteering January. 1 for the tear down.

Let's come together in service and "let our light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16) this holiday season! Contact: Deidre Macias – 507-810-0879 | benedictdeidre@gmail.com

JANITORIAL POSITION OPEN The Board of Property is looking for someone to fill the janitorial position. This is a paid part-time position with some 30-35 hours weekly. If you are interested, please contact the Board of Property and/or Ben Busse. A good email for inquiries is: board-of-property@immanuelmankato.org

CAROLING Caroling for shut ins will be **December 13 and 14**: Saturday until 4pm and Sunday. I hope to have a casual meeting with refreshments after so we can discuss good things and improvements on our caroling schedule.

Please let me know if you want to join us, either on Saturday or Sunday or both. Even if you don't sing, you can give a Christmas greeting or play an instrument. Sign up on sheet in Narthex or call Sharon Schaller at 507-388-3302 and leave a message and I will check back with you. Email Sharon at schaller@hickorytech.net

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY 9-12 graders are welcome to join us study and a Christmas Party on **December 10th from 7-9pm** at the Lien Residence. Bring a White Elephant gift to exchange, and your bible! We will be doing a study on the town of Bethlehem and then join in for some games and activities. Hope to see you there! If you need the address contact the church office.

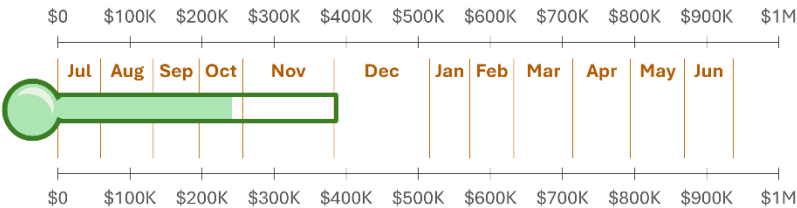
FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Plate Offerings

As Of 11/23/2025

Total Need: \$936,655
Received To Date: \$241,543

Remaining Need (November): \$141,459
Remaining Need (Fiscal Year): \$695,112



* Monthly grid based on past contribution patterns, to give us a convenient pace to follow.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS CALL NEWS Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino, ID, has **received** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

INSTALLATION Pastor Michael Gurath will be installed at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, on December 21, 2025.



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Principal Rick Mariner	507-317-0805
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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

SCREEN Furst/Harris

USHERS Council & Board Members

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

DEACON Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST Friedrichs/Schreyer

SCREEN

HEAD USHER Austin Lien

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

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

COMMUNION SET UP Strattons, Hoffman & Hagen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION M Wheaton, W Roettger, B Heller, D Pfeiffer, B Stratton

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?)
