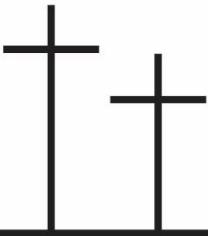


TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
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*... his face shone  
like the sun,  
and his clothes became  
white as light.*

MATTHEW 17:2, ESV



## 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](http://ImmanuelMankato.org)



# Transfiguration Sunday

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Worship Supplement Setting Two*

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### 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 27 “Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul”*

### 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!**

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## 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 God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your Son You confirmed the testimony of Moses and the prophets, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wondrously foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with Jesus our King, and bring us to Your glorious home in heaven, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

## Epistle Reading

*2 Corinthians 3:12-18*

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— **13** unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. **14** But their minds were blinded.

For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. **15** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **16** Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

### **Psalm of the Day**

*Psalm 148:7-14*

P: Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;

**C: Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;**

P: Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;

**C: Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;**

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;

**C: Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted;

C: His glory is above the earth and heaven.

P: And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints—

**C: Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him.**

P: Praise the LORD!

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 5:39-47*

“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. **41** I do not receive honor from men. **42** But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. **43** I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another

comes in his own name, him you will receive. **44** How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? **45** Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. **46** For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. **47** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

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.**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*TLH 135 “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”*

### **Sermon**

*Exodus 3:1-6*

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the

wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

## Portrait of Christ in Flames

At the Burning Bush, We See our Savior—

As a holy flame, properly inspiring the sinner with fear

As an eternal flame, keeping His promise of redemption

*Preaching today: Mr. Daniel Pfeiffer / Mr. Kevin Schrader*

### 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*

**Hymn** *TLH 349:1,2,5-7 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

## **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 496 “Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying”*

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## LAST WEEK

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**(JAN 17-18 REPORTED)**  
**Budgetary**  
**\$9,367.66 Current Expenses**

**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION**  
**\$1,055 CLC General Budget (CBP)**  
**\$75 CLC MDF (Missions)**  
**\$214 CLC Kinship**

***Non-Budgetary***

**\$390** Land Purchase  
**\$52** Benevolent  
**\$15** ILS Kindergarten  
**\$317** Men's Breakfast

***Memorials***

In the Loving Memory of Egon Mutzke  
**\$20** ILS Mankato Athletic Department  
**\$50** Kindergarten Fund

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Saturday Worship 10/15: **38**

Sunday Worship 10/16: **203**

Saturday Bible Class: **12**

Sunday Bible Class: **64**

Sunday School: **21**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	11
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	9
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					27
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

## THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 24	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Jan 25	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Live Stream – <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon Jan 26	7:00p	Church Board Reorganization Meeting
Tues Jan 27	3:30p	Outreach Meeting
	5:15p	Board of Elders
	7:00p	Board of Education
Wed Jan 28	5:00p	6-8 <sup>th</sup> Doctrine
Thur Jan 29	6:15p	Church Choir

Fri Jan 30	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Jan 31	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Feb 1	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

Whitewater Trip- January 23-25<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group- 7pm February 11<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday Service- February 18<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Soup Supper- February 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST** Our Pastors produce a weekly podcast containing a devotion, weekly updates, and more. [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](mailto: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](mailto:Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**Board of Elders:** [Board-of-Elders@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Board-of-Elders@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**Board of Deacons:** [Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**Board of Property:** [Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**Finance Committee:** [Finance-Committee@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Finance-Committee@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**Church Council:** [Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org)

**IMMANUEL WOMEN WHO HIKE** Our winter hike is scheduled for **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30pm**. Due to unexpected schedule

changes Hilary cannot lead this hike. If you can take charge of this hike, please let the church office know so you can be made into the contact person.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** The ILS Board of Education is accepting nominations for a full time 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom teacher to begin the 2026-27 school year. The position may include teaching elementary art as agreed upon between the Board of Education and the successful candidate. Please direct any nominations and/or questions to [board-of-education@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:board-of-education@immanuelmankato.org) or the Immanuel Lutheran School principal at rick.mariner@immanuelmankato.org.

**VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED** This year, Immanuel Lutheran School is hosting its first Bible Fair! Students in grades 3 through 6 will prepare displays and presentations about different people from the Bible. They will present their work to judges who will assess each student's work according to a provided rubric. To help make the Bible Fair a success, we need individuals who are willing to listen to and judge student presentations. Please let us know if you would be willing to participate as a judge for our Bible Fair on **Tuesday, February 24th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the church basement**. Please contact [stephanie.roettger@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:stephanie.roettger@immanuelmankato.org) if you would like to volunteer as a judge or if you would like more information.

**MISSING LACE TABLECLOTH** One of the lace tablecloths is missing from the church kitchen. If you have taken it home to be laundered, please return it.

**VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT WATCH PARTY** Join women of Immanuel for a watch party for the 2026 Press Pause: Press Pause: The Future is the Lord's Virtual Women's Retreat. This retreat brings together women across the country in a few hours of fellowship and growth. Immanuel Mankato will host a watch party in the church basement for the retreat for anyone who would like to join the retreat together. Coffee and snacks will be provided. If you have questions, email [kjstelter@gmail.com](mailto:kjstelter@gmail.com) or if you'd like to join the retreat from your home or elsewhere, here is the link to register.

Press Pause: The Future is the Lord's  
Saturday, January 31, 2026  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m (Central Time)  
Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>

**ARTS CAMP** Arts Camp will run March 27-29, 2026, and could use your help! We are looking for volunteers; no arts talent required! How can you help?  
- Plan and lead a class  
-Lead a planned class  
-Supervise (overnight/daytime or other)  
-Prepare, serve, and clean up a snack/meal  
-Donate supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship

-Many other opportunities!

-Always prayers and encouragement for others to come!

Contact Amber Casto 507-327-3059 [artscamp@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:artscamp@immanuelmankato.org)

Registration for Arts Camp 2026 opens February 1st at 12 pm CST. You can find the registration link and link to

volunteer at [immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/](https://immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/) or on our Facebook page "Immanuel Arts Camp". Arts Camp is for students in grades 5th-8th at Immanuel Mankato, March 27-29, 2026.

Contact Amber Casto if you have any questions! [artscamp@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:artscamp@immanuelmankato.org)

**YOUTH GROUP** Our next Youth Group Bible Study & Fellowship event is scheduled for **February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Contact Hilary Lien with questions.

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Plate Offerings

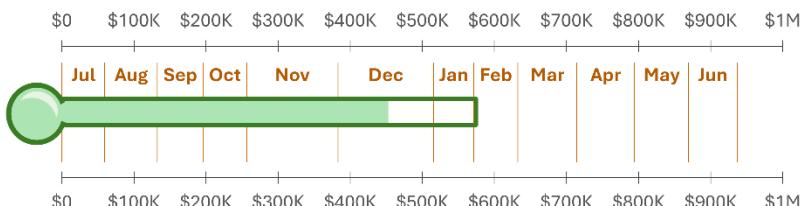
As Of 1/18/2026

Total Need: \$936,655

Remaining Need (January): \$118,888

Received To Date: \$452,675

Remaining Need (Fiscal Year): \$483,980



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

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYNOD CALLS CALL NEWS** Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **returned** the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **returned** the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris,

MN, has **received** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Mr. Peter Reim has **returned** the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. **RETIREMENT** Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, has announced his **retirement** as of January 31, 2026. Pastor Hein has also resigned from the CLC Board of Regents. <> Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his **retirement** in summer 2026. **APPOINTMENT** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has been **appointed** by President Michael Wilke and has **accepted** the call to serve on the CLC Board of Regents. Pastor Eichstadt will serve as interim secretary until a permanent appointment is made to fill that position.

**CLC MISSION PRAYERS** India (South Asia) – Both the BELC and CLCI conducted Christmas outreach in December. Classes continue at the BELC Bible Institute with twenty-seven students and the CLCI seminary with fifty-one students. Please pray that the Lord will protect, provide, strengthen, and give hope to His children in India through the Gospel ministry of the BELC and CLCI.

**If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to [church@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:church@ImmanuelMankato.org) or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!**



# IMMANUEL

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## We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4<sup>th</sup> Weekend of the Month)

**PASTOR** Elders

**DEACON** Paul Bade

**ORGANIST** Fischer/Cornish

**SCREEN** A Lien

**HEAD USHER** Andrew Clobes

**ASST USHER** Michael Wheaton

**USHERS** Ben Busse, Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Bernt Olmanson,

Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams, Damian Busse

## Serving Us Next Weekend

(1<sup>st</sup> Weekend of the Month)

**PASTOR** Nathanael Mayhew

**DEACON**

**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** Williams, Hoffman & Theneman

**COMMUNION DISTIRUTION**

## CLC Financial Report - December 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2025
General Fund	0	614,367	600,002	632,550	14,365
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	984,582	824,402	887,520	160,180
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	20,372	30,499		89,016
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	331,726	340		2,398,099
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	160,284	135,627		173,059
Kinship	169,472	108,947	111,434		166,985
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	319,080	596,154		2,226,722
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	115,188	149,121		67,756
EduK8 Fund	70,311	50,698	20,000		101,009
Reserve Fund	103,629	2,042	0		105,671
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$5,263,155</b>	<b>\$1,108,337</b>	<b>\$1,043,175</b>		<b>\$5,328,317</b>

The Lord has blessed us and members have responded with their generous gifts as described below. We pray for continuing support.

**General Fund** – The General Fund continues to do well and for the first time in 23 months has a positive balance. Thanks be to God.

**ILC Operations** – Financially, things are going well here too. The balance in the fund at the end of December is about \$40,000 higher than it was a year ago.

**Mission Development Fund** – Contributions through the first six months of our fiscal year are up 60% over the same period last year. This has allowed us to fund overseas projects.

**Kinship** – Contributions are up 47% over the same period last year. This has helped maintain the balance in the fund even after providing over \$30,000 of disaster relief for our overseas brethren.

**Church Extension Fund** – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$197,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and \$121,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include \$559,000 loaned to a member congregation for their building project.

**Other Auxiliary Funds** – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer  
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

# Sermon Notes

Text \_\_\_\_\_

Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Law (How does this text point out my sin?)

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Specific Gospel (How does this text point to Jesus?)

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Specific Application (How does this text teach me to live?)

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