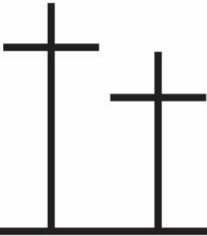




It is expedient for us
that one man should
DIE for the people...

John 11:50



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



Quinquagesima Sunday

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Worship Supplement Setting One

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 Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 354 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

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

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

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 in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, we ask You to hear the prayers of Your people. Having set us free from the bonds of sin by the perfect life and innocent death of Your dear Son, defend us now from all evil, and equip us by the power of Your Word to remain faithful until death, for You live and reign with Your Son, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:4-9

“Moreover you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD:
“Will they fall and not rise? Will one turn away and not

return? **5** Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return. **6** I listened and heard, But they do not speak aright. No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, ‘What have I done?’ Everyone turned to his own course, As the horse rushes into the battle. **7** Even the stork in the heavens Knows her appointed times; And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow Observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the LORD. **8** How can you say, ‘We are wise, And the law of the LORD is with us?’ Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. **9** The wise men are ashamed, They are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; So what wisdom do they have?

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 14

P: The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

**C: They are corrupt, They have done abominable works,
There is none who does good.**

P: The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men,

C: To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

P: They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt;

C: There is none who does good, No, not one.

P: Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,

**C: Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not
call on the LORD?**

P: There they are in great fear,

C: For God is with the generation of the righteous.

P: Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!

**C: When the LORD brings back the captivity of His
people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

P: Glory be to God!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:21-31

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. **22** For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, **24** 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— **31** that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

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 358 “Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee”*

Sermon

John 11:47-57

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. **48** If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.” **49** And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, **50** nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.” **51** Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, **52** and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. **53** Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death. **54** Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

55 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. **56** Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?” **57** Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

One Man Would Die for the People

1. Man's Plan Went Very Wrong

2. God's Plan Went Very Right

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God.

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 me with Your free Spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn *TLH 178 “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”*

Offering of Thankful Hearts *TLH 442:2*

**C: ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
‘Tis to give than to receive.**

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

WS 760 “Oh, Love, How Deep”

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LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 2/7: **65**

Saturday Bible Class: **12**

Sunday Worship 2/8: **202**

Sunday Bible Class: **57**

Sunday School: **27**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ Pioneer	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	11
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	16
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Youth Group	Yes	7:00 PM	Monthly	Study	10
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Cottage wood Senior Community	Yes	10:45 AM	1 st , 3 rd Thursday	Study/Worship	7
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	4
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	34
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	2
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					136
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Feb 14	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Feb 15	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
	12:00p	Upper Hallway Reserved-Private Event
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon Feb 16		Blessings on your week!
Tues Feb 17	5:00p	Board of Deacons Meetings
	6:30p	Women's Study Guild
	7:00p	Church Council
Wed Feb 18	2:00p	Ash Wednesday Service- Communion
	5:00p	6 th -8 th Grade Doctrine Class
	5:00p	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00p	Ash Wednesday Service- Communion

Thur Feb 19	5:00p	Fellowship Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved-Private Event
	5:15p	Board of Elders Meeting
	6:15p	Church Choir
Fri Feb 20	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat Feb 21	6:00p	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun Feb 22	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Soup Supper - February 18th 5pm

Ash Wednesday Service - February 18th 2pm & 6pm

Youth Group- March 18th 7pm

Alumni & Family Day- March 21st

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.

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

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** if you would like to volunteer as a judge or if you would like more information.

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!

Registration for Arts Camp 2026 opens **February 1st at 12 pm CST**. You can find the registration link and link to volunteer on our Facebook page "Immanuel Arts Camp" or at immanuelmankato.org/school/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

This year, we are excited to be doing a project that uses recycled T-shirts, and we would love your help!

If you have any T-shirts you are willing to donate, please drop them off with Amanda Harris in the Immanuel Lutheran School Office, or contact Amber Casto at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support of the program and for making this project possible!

COOK/MANAGER POSITION A position is available for a Cook/Kitchen Manager at Immanuel Lutheran School. This is a part-time, 9-month position working approximately 7:45 am - 1:00 pm. Julia would like to help train a new Cook/Kitchen Manager this school year.

The Cook/Kitchen Manager duties:

- creating a meal rotation and menu
- tracking meal requirements for each lunch and breakfast
- making enough portions and serving such portions in a timely fashion per grade group
- understanding and following meal requirements per grade group

- assembling and ordering food deliveries each week
- cleaning the kitchen after service
- keeping pantry and freezers organized
- assuring all food components are offered at each meal
- staying up to date on recent government training requirements
- overseeing any other kitchen staff
- creating recipes for any scratch meals
- collecting necessary documentation for meal reimbursement

Training requirements:

- serve safe certification
- civil rights training
- completing a certain number of training hours before the school year begins
- continuing training throughout the year by monthly trainings or in other ways

SCHOOL LUNCH AIDE NEEDED We are looking for more help serving lunch and cleaning the school kitchen afterwards approximately 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. The time can be flexible. If you have the time and ability to serve our school in this function, please let Principal Rick Mariner know promptly. Please direct all inquiries and questions to Principal Rick Mariner.

Email: rick.mariner@immanuelmankato.org

Phone: 507-345-3027 ext. 118

Cell Phone: 507-317-0805

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER On Ash Wednesday, **February 18th** at 5pm we will be having our Annual Soup Supper at 5pm in the church basement. Bring a soup to share and the fixings. Come enjoy some fellowship time!

LENT SERVICES Lent begins this week on Wednesday (February 18th). This year the theme for our Midweek Lenten services will be "Assurances from Jesus' final words." In each of our midweek services we will consider one of the final statements of Jesus and reflect on the comfort those words offer us still today. We will hear Jesus intercede for sinners, offer confidence in eternal life, be our guardian in this life, become forsaken of God for us, fulfill all of God's prophecies, finalize God's plan of salvation, establish a new covenant, and endure death for you and me. What comfort in all Jesus said and what He has done for us! We will participate in a Lenten exchange with our sister congregations in Okabena, Sleepy Eye and Eagle Lake.

Our services will be held on Wednesdays at 2 and 6pm, and during Holy Week we will have 2 and 6pm services on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Our Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will also be communion services. The LORD will comfort us this Lenten season through our Savior's final words!

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.

ERC ANNOUNCEMENT The ERC is moving through the (10) contingencies listed in the Purchase Agreement for the Johnson Property. An important requirement for this purchase to move forward is the securing of funding. Recall, the Land Purchase is to be funded from two sources: 1) The Land Purchase Fund (at Immanuel) and 2) The Church Extension Fund (CEF) Loan (from the CLC synod), if needed. In order to finalize the CEF loan, Immanuel, the ERC, and the Finance Committee need to know how much to borrow. We are asking that you please prayerfully consider your "Land Purchase Commitment" (if made; also/alternatively any extra giving you may want to contribute) and submit it by the end of February. Please notate "Commitment" on your offering to ensure it gets into the Land Purchase Fund's sub-account. Once we get final numbers, the CEF Loan can be confidently finalized and submitted. Please feel free to reach out to any of the ERC members below with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Immanuel's Expansion Relocation Committee (ERC)

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS CALL NEWS Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the summer vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. **RETIREMENT** Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026.



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Principal Rick Mariner	507-317-0805
Secretary Amanda Harris	507-345-3027 Ext 103

We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(3rd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew	DEACON Austin Lien
ORGANIST Debra Mayhew	SCREEN Wyatt Lien
HEAD USHER Kevin Rykhus	ASST USHER John Heinze
USHERS Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, William Lien, Wyatt Lien,	

Serving us Midweek

PASTOR Joe Naumann	DEACON D Heinze/ A Lien
ORGANIST Fischer/Schreyer	SCREEN W Lien/
HEAD USHER Kevin Rykhus	ASST USHER John Heinze
USHERS Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, William Lien, Wyatt Lien,	

Serving Us Next Weekend

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann	DEACON Paul Bade
ORGANIST Debra Mayhew	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	

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?)
