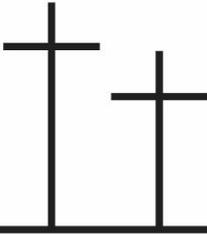




"Just as Moses
lifted up
the serpent
in the wilderness,
so must the
Son of Man
be lifted up,
so that everyone
who believes
will have eternal
life in Him."

John 3:14-15, NASB



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



5th Weekend in the Season of

Lent

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 380 “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

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*

Because Lent is a time of repentance over sin in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, this hymn of praise is often removed from our worship services during the season of Lent. The joyful hymn will reappear on Easter and, Lord willing, help us gain a greater appreciation of it after its absence from our worship.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, be merciful as You look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness we may live under Your direction and protection in both body and spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:17-25

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; **18** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **20** He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you **21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **22** Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, **23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible,

through the word of God which lives and abides forever, **24** because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, **25** But the word of the LORD endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32:8-11

P: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

C: I will guide you with My eye.

P: Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle,

C: Else they will not come near you.

P: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;

C: But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

P: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;

C: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-38

So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. **32** If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. **33** Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. **34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” **36** Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.” **37** Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my

life for Your sake.” **38** Jesus answered him, “Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.”

Adult Choir

It's All About the Cross

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

Loved

Hymn of the Day

WS 757 "Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning"

Sermon

Numbers 21:4-9

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. **5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” **6** So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. **7** Therefore the people came to Moses,

and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. **8** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

A Deserved Punishment A Needed Deliverance

1. For Israel

2. For Everyone

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

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 245 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”*

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering of Time and Talents

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 439 “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

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LAST WEEK

<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (MARCH 14-18 REPORTED) Budgetary <u>\$3,375</u> Current Expenses</p> <p>Non-Budgetary <u>\$4</u> Major Improvement <u>\$678</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$250</u> Land Purchase <u>\$1,887</u> Lenten Season <u>\$20</u> Benevolent <u>\$15</u> ILS Kindergarten Checking</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>\$545</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$25</u> CLC MDF (Missions) <u>\$29</u> CLC Kinship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scan this QR code to contribute via CashApp</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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Saturday Worship 3/18: **88**

Midweek 2pm: **165**

Saturday Bible Class: **12**

Midweek 6pm: **36**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Cottagewood Senior Community	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Sunday	Worship	8
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	11
Old Main/ AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	7
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	14
Women's Study Guild	Yes	6:30 PM	3rd Tuesday	Study	9
Youth Group	Yes	7:00 PM	Monthly	Study	15
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Cottagewood Senior Community	Yes	10:45 AM	1 st , 3 rd Thursday	Worship	16
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	17
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	35
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	5
Autumn Grace	Yes	10:45 AM	2 nd , 4 th Friday	Study	5
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	5
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					169
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat March 21	4:30p	Hymnal Committee Meeting
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service Name Tag Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun March 22	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Name Tag Weekend Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	11:00a	Coffee & Fellowship Hour
	11:00a	MPF Storage Closet and Fellowship Hall Reserved
	11:00a	Usher Meeting
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon March 23	4-6p	Stage & Fellowship Hall Reserved
Tues March 24	4-6p	Stage & Fellowship Hall Reserved
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
Wed March 25	2:00p	Midweek Lenten Service
	3:00p	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
	6:00p	Midweek Lenten Service
Thur March 26	4-6p	Stage & Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri March 27	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat March 28	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun March 29	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service
	1:00p	Visitation for Patty Stelter
	2:00p	Victory Service for Patty Stelter
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts Camp- March 27th-29th

Easter Breakfast- April 5th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST Our pastors produce a podcast with three different episodes each week. On Monday the sermon is posted. On Wednesday they do a devotion, followed by weekly updates, a prayer list and answer congregations questions. And on Friday you will hear a hymn study of one of the hymns for the coming weekend. Join us each week! [Listen here.](#)

EASTER FLOWERS The Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, tulips and lilies are available. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **Deadline to order is March 22!** You may take your plant/plants home after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service. Both the lilies are \$16 each and the tulips will be \$14 dollars each. Questions can be directed to Study Guild or Katie Dick. **This is the last weekend to place an order. Please get payments in! Thank you!**

PILGRIMS REST CLEAN UP Pilgrims Rest Cemetery cleanup day is scheduled for April 11 this year. If the weather is uncooperative we will move to April 25th. Volunteers are needed to assist the cemetery board with raking leaves, picking up fallen sticks/branches, picking up trash, leveling flat stones, edging flat stones, and other tasks. Starting time will be 9:30 am with lunch being provided around 11:00 am and wrapping up the day around 1-2 PM. Please bring gloves and a rake, if you have them. Please label them with your name. If you have any questions please reach out to Tony Harris (anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com) or Scott Kruse (skruse97@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

VIDEO PROJECT Immanuel member Byron Rode is working on a video project intended to highlight the many ways that Immanuel members use their time and talents to help support the work and ministry of Immanuel. Byron is looking for help in both identifying the many ways that people help at Immanuel and in taking pictures of the individuals performing these tasks. Some ideas include the volunteers in the A/V booth, the money counters, the cemetery cleaners, those who set up flowers, etc. The best pictures will be those in which the subject is recognizable, is performing the task, and is spontaneous. Please note that these pictures should not be taken in a way that disrupts other people or events. To submit high quality photos, please email them to byronrode117@gmail.com. You can also call or text Byron at (507) 380-5240 with any questions or ideas. Thank you!

MUSIC TEACHER Immanuel Lutheran School is looking for a part-time music instructor for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is to teach:

- High School Choir
- K - 6 Music
- 5-6 Handbells
- 7-8 Music/Handbells

If you are someone you know may have gifts and willingness to serve teaching these classes, please share any names with Board of Education Chairman, Brandan Heinze or Principal Rick Mariner. The Board of Education will consider the names offered as they issue a call for the coming school year. Thank you!

EASTER BREAKFAST Easter Pancake Breakfast, prepared by the men will be Easter Morning (April 5 7:45-9:30am). All men wishing to assist are welcome. For more information contact Larry Hartman. 507-345-6139. We need: 6:00am set up/cooking crew, 7:15am serving crew, 9:30am clean up crew.

FREE CHAIRS The Board of Property is giving away extra chairs that we have no use for. You can find them on the stage in the basement. If you are interested, you are welcome to take them. If you have any questions, please contact Board of Property chairman Jason Dick.

LADIES AUXILIARY will meet on Wednesday March 25th at 3:00 PM after the Lenten service in the church basement. The church service will be our Bible study. Please use the south entrance. We will have a short business meeting and enjoy refreshment and fellowship.

NEW ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM Your Audio/Video team has installed a new AudioFetch Wi-Fi listening system. To use it, first download the AudioFetch app to your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play (this is a one-time step). Go to your phone's Connections settings, and under Wi-Fi, select "AudioFetch Express." You may get a warning that you are not connected to the Internet. Ignore it. Open the AudioFetch app and click on Channel 1. If you do not see "AudioFetch Express" listed or the app does not find a connection, try again right before the service starts, the audio server should be started by then. Please use headphones or hearing aids linked to your phone via Bluetooth. The older FM system is still available and it can receive the sound in the basement and upper school hallway. However, the AudioFetch works only in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact a pastor or a deacon. Thanks!

SCHOOL COOK & COOK AID POSITIONS Our current school cook and cook aide will not be returning next school year, so we are looking for your help to fill these important roles in our school. Both positions are part time (between 20-30 hours per week during the school year), but they are important roles in the lives of our students. Not only do they provide quality food for our students and staff, but these positions also involve interacting with the students of our school from Kindergarten through High School, as well as our school staff. These positions are an opportunity to impact the lives of these young people in a positive and important way, and are a way of serving them, their parents, and the staff of the school daily. In addition to the joy of serving your Savior and being in the daily lives of these Christian young people, the positions pay an hourly rate and offer a reduced tuition rate for any children attending ILS. If you, or someone you know, are interested in more information about either the Cook or Cook Aide position, please reach out to Principal Rick Mariner (rick.mariner@immanuelmankato.org or 507-317-0805).

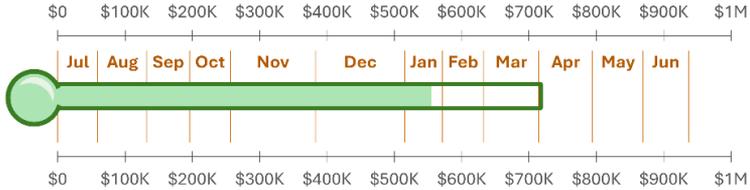
FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Plate Offerings

As Of 3/15/2026

Total Need: \$936,655
Received To Date: \$554,868

Remaining Need (March): \$159,524
Remaining Need (Fiscal Year): \$381,787



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

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD NEWS CALL NEWS Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has **accepted** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has **accepted** the two-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **accepted** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN. <> Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has **received** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

APPOINTMENT Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has been **appointed** by President Michael Wilke and has **accepted** the call to serve as the Secretary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession through June 30th of 2026. Pastor Mayhew is filling out the two-year term of former CLC Secretary, Pastor Wayne Eichstadt. Previously, Pastor Eichstadt had accepted the appointment to serve as a member of the ILC Board of Regents. He is filling out the term of former ILC Regent board member, Pastor John Hein.

CLC Financial Report - January 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Months	Balance 1/31/2026
General Fund	0	722,388	706,295	737,975	16,093
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,179,375	968,274	1,035,440	211,101
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	23,494	30,499		92,138
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	398,746	340		2,465,119
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	186,887	149,006		186,283
Kinship	169,472	137,704	124,852		182,324
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	515,109	600,222		2,418,683
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	124,817	165,128		61,378
EduK8 Fund	70,311	51,739	30,000		92,050
Reserve Fund	103,629	2,321	0		105,950
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$1,440,817	\$1,100,047		\$5,603,925

General Fund – The positive balance in the General Fund increased slightly this month and now sits at about \$16,000, which is \$20,000 ahead of last year.

ILC Operations – January, the first month of the second semester at ILC, is generally a good month for revenue and this year is no exception. Revenues were about \$50,000 more than disbursements, increasing the ending balance by that amount.

Kinship – Contributions continue to be strong and are up 54% over the same period last year.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of regular monthly payments received from congregations on loans they owe the CLC and a lump-sum payoff of one loan for a total of about \$347,000. Revenue also includes \$167,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include \$559,000 loaned to a member congregation for their building project.

EduK8 Fund – Another \$10,000 was disbursed in January to assist one of our Christian day schools.

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.

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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew **DEACON** Paul Bade
ORGANIST Laura Heinze **SCREEN** J Furst/ W Lien
HEAD USHER Andrew Clobes **ASST USHER** Michael Wheaton
USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Bernt Olmanson, Charles
Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy
Williams, Damian Busse

Serving us Midweek

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew **DEACON** Heinze/Bade
ORGANIST Cornish/ V Schreyer **SCREEN** W Lien/ E Carstensen
HEAD USHER Andrew Clobes **ASST USHER** Michael Wheaton
USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Bernt Olmanson, Charles
Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy
Williams, Damian Busse

Serving Us Next Weekend

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew **DEACON** Brent Schreyer
ORGANIST Friedrichs/Cornish **SCREEN** Furst/ Carstensen
HEAD USHER Austin Lien **ASST USHER** Karl Friedrichs
USHERS Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Philip
Stelter, Ross Theneman, William Roettger

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?)
