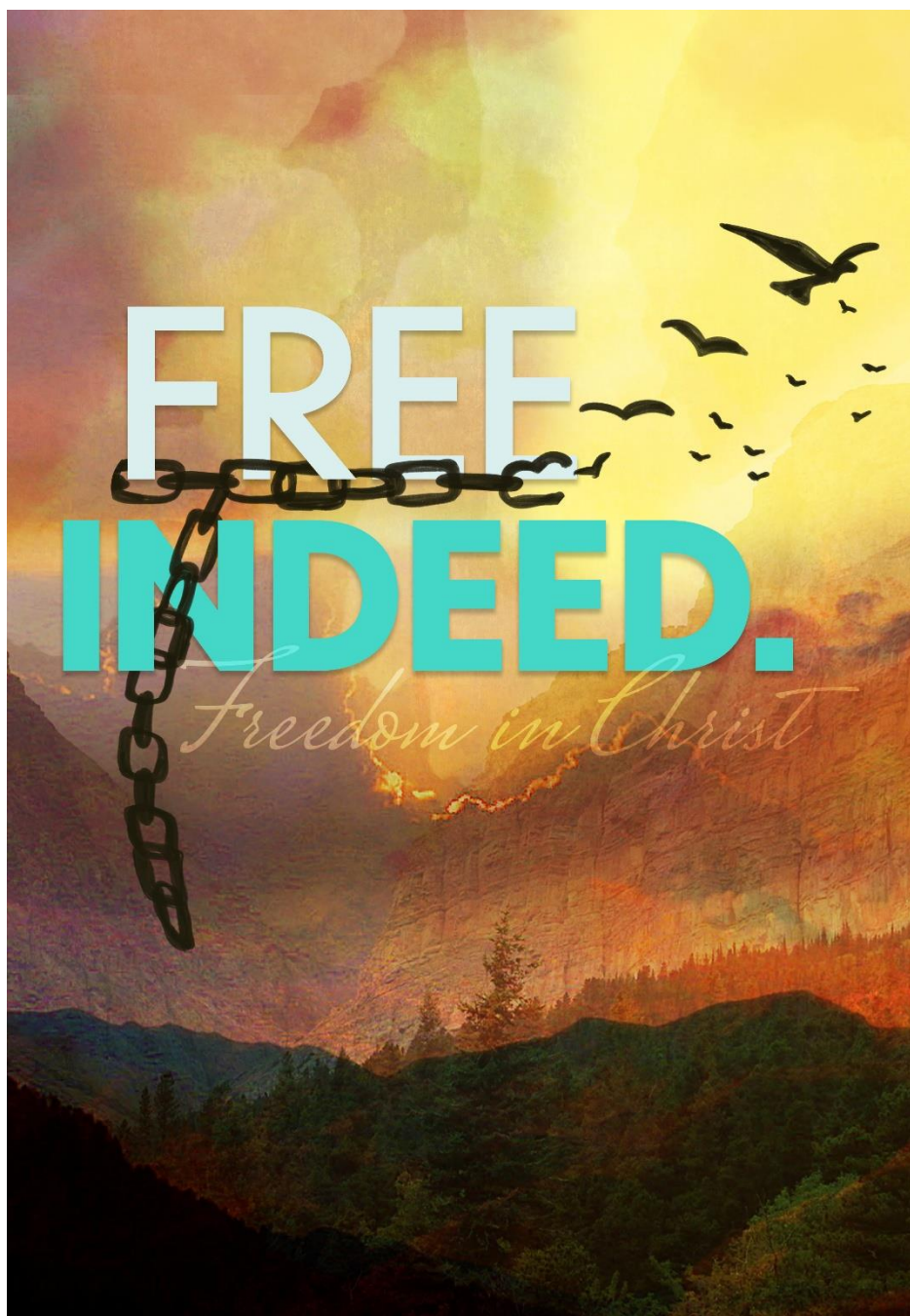
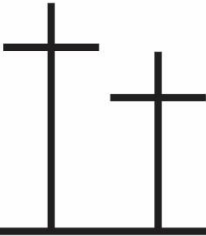




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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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!

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12th 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 Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 568 “We Praise Thee, O God”

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.

Psalms 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... Almighty and merciful God, we need Your gifts to serve You truly and honorably; please give us the ability to serve You faithfully in this life and enjoy Your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:18-21

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. **19** The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel. **20** For the terrible one is brought to nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off-- **21** Who make a man an offender by a

word, And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
And turn aside the just by empty words.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 70

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C: Make haste to help me, O LORD!

P: Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life;

C: Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt.

P: Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!"

C: Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

P: And let those who love Your salvation say continually,

C: "Let God be magnified!"

P: But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God!

C: You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:9-15

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **10** Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. **11** Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, **12** and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. **13** And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. **14** Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. **15** And when she and

her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

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

Abide in My Word

Hymn of the Day

TLH 387:1-4 “Dear Christians, One and All”

Sermon

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32** “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” **33** They answered Him, “We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be made free?’” **34** Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever

commits sin is a slave of sin. **35** “And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. **36** “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

The Truth Shall Set You Free

1. The Truth That You Were in Bondage to Sin

2. The Truth That You Are Now a Child of God

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.**

Psalms 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn

TLH 485:1-4 “Lord Jesus, Who art Come”

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Song of Praise

“Heart of Worship”

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

WS 780 "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

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LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
<u>(AUG 15-16 REPORTED)</u>	<u>\$615</u> CLC General Budget (CBP)
<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>\$50</u> CLC MDF (Missions)
<u>\$5,903.25</u> Current Expenses	<u>\$24</u> CLC Kinship
	<u>\$75</u> ILC Student Aid
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>	
<u>\$10</u> New Equipment Fund	
<u>\$100</u> ILS Student Aid	
<u>\$3,470</u> Land Purchase	
<u>\$15</u> ILS Foundation	
<u>\$32</u> Benevolent	
<u>\$755.39</u> Men's Breakfast	

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Saturday Worship 8/15: 81

Sunday Worship 8/16: 151

Cottagewood	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Sunday	Worship	8
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	11
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	6
Mankato Riverstone	Yes	10:15 AM	1 st , 3 rd Tuesday	Worship	15
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Cottagewood	Yes	10:45 AM	1 st , 3 rd Thursday	Study	14
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	34
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	6
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Friday	Worship	16
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					135
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Aug 22	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
Sun Aug 23	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Divine Worship Service
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon Aug 24		Blessings on your week!
Tues Aug 25	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
Wed Aug 26	2:00p	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Thur Aug 27		

Fri Aug 28	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat Aug 29	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
Sun Aug 30	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Divine Worship Service
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Birthright 'Baby Shower'- September 1-30th
 Youth Group- September 9th 7pm
 Women's Book Club Meeting- September 10th
 Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up- Sept 12th 9th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LADIES AUXILIARY will meet on **Wednesday August 26th at 2:00 PM** in the church basement. We are studying WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. All women of Immanuel are welcome to join us. Please use the south entrance. After our bible study we have a short meeting and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent survey regarding our Sunday worship service and Bible Class/Sunday School times. The results were evenly divided, with significant support expressed for both options. After considering the survey results, the Board of

Deacons has decided to continue our current practice. So, starting September 12-13 our Sunday morning schedule will be:

- 9:00 a.m. - Bible Class & Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Divine Service

Regardless of the time, our Sunday schedule continues to provide a blessed opportunity for us to gather around God's Word, receive His gifts and sacrament, and encourage one another in the Christian faith.

BOOK CLUB A book club for anyone interested is starting up on September 10th. We will be reading Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis. The church has copies that interested people can borrow! We will have a morning series at 11am with the intent of having an evening session that day as well. Time is TBD. Please talk to Katie Dick if you are interested and we will find a time that works.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALL NEWS Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, has **returned** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Reim has also **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS India (Sout Asia) – On August 1st, our brother in Christ, Pastor Raju, the oldest brother of Pastor Jyothi suffered a heart-attack. Pastor Raju serves as a district chairman for the CLCI. By the grace of God, a Kinship medical aid grant was quickly approved and sent so that necessary medical care could be administered. The surgery was successful and he will be discharged from the hospital soon. ... Thank the Lord for providing all that was and is necessary to restore Pastor Raju back to good health. Ask for His continued blessings on the recovery and rehabilitation regimen so that Pastor Raju can return to his work among the sheep of our Savior's CLCI flock.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Join Us in Celebrating 50 Years of God's Grace! For fifty years, God has richly blessed our Christian day school, guiding generations of students in faith, learning, and service. We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 13, 2026, as we celebrate this special milestone and give thanks for the countless lives that have been shaped through Christian education. Whether you are a current or former student, parent, teacher, staff member, church member, or friend of the school, we would be honored to have you celebrate with us.

- Date: Sunday, September 13, 2026 Time: 10:00 am
- Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 460 75th Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432

The celebration will include a worship service with Grace alumni Pastor Neal Radichel as our guest preacher, followed by a potluck picnic with a slideshow of memories from the past fifty years and an opportunity for Christian fellowship. "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." – Psalm 145:4

CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, September 4th. Information can be found at <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/>.

MAN UP! WEEKEND - The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 24-27, 2026, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. This is the 10th year of the weekend, and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. This is the last week to register before the price increases. Register and send in your payment before August 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after August 31st. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

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!

The following is a summary of the most recent Church Council meeting. It is being included in the bulletin so that Immanuel members can stay up to date with what is going on in our congregation. If you have any questions, please speak to congregation President Zack Lien.

Council Meeting Summary August 18, 2026

Immanuel Building Committee - The chairman appointed Amanda Harris, Dave Busse, Jen Theneman, Julie Busch, Michael Wheaton, Mick Rykhus, Paul Nolting, and Tom Lentz as the new Immanuel Building

Committee. The committee was formed by the voters at the April meeting to facilitate all aspects of building a new campus at the newly purchased property in upper North Mankato. This includes surveying the members of Immanuel on needs, proposing building phases and layouts with cost estimates, fundraising, and reporting.

Board Updates –

The **Board of Property** has been working on a number of repair projects: Boiler Valve (which was repaired, rather than replaced), Urinals in the boys' bathroom, and kitchen bathroom toilet. They will be working on kitchen bathroom sink repairs, leaks in the school hallway outside the narthex, classroom paint touchups, and basement sprinkler system. The fire sprinkler system will be receiving required inspections. They are looking into quotes on mini-split A/C units for the classrooms, new windows for the classrooms, new front church doors, and snow removal.

The **Board of Deacons** has set Mission Festival as September 19-20 with Missionary Ohlmann as our guest preacher. An offer from ILC to have the Tour Choir at Immanuel on March 27 (the Saturday before Easter) was accepted. The service time survey results did not suggest a strong desire either way on changing service times so they will stay as is (9:00am worship during the summer, and 9:00am bible study with 10:00am worship during the winter). The projector quote has been accepted, we are hoping this will be complete within a month. Will be working on a pictorial directory for next fall (organization committee: Beth Greve, Deb Salmon, and Jen Thenemen).

The **Board of Elders** has started a new worship service at Riverstone of Mankato (formerly The Pillars).

The **Board of Education** appointed Gwen Busse as Activities Director. They approved Laura Heinze as 4-7 volleyball coach, and Rachel Naumann as assistant coach; Charles Olmanson and Ben Stratton as grade school soccer coaches. Sara Nolting and Bob Heller accepted calls as teacher aides. Jackie Friedrichs accepted the call as high school choir director. Grace Schreyer accepted the call as elementary music teacher.

The board is working on an A.I. policy; and a job description for the drama club positions.

Other Reports -

The **Principal** reported that school started with 86 students, seven of them in Kindergarten. School lunches and breakfasts are being catered, supported by two Immanuel employees, one as the kitchen manager and one as a kitchen helper.

The **Treasurer** reported that the new fiscal year has started very slowly in giving, with an approximate -\$33,000 deficit (income less expenses) at the end of July.

Other Business -

The Council continued discussion on a background check policy, discussion was primarily on who would handle the interaction with the background check company and tracking when checks had been run.

There was discussion on decline in church membership, and the Elders will gather stats on departures from the last couple of years and classify them, so we have a better understanding of commonalities and size.

There was discussion on Youth Leadership and Leadership, and the Elders will be working to define needs/goals, and ideas to drive toward those needs and goals.

Dear Master, Yours the glory of each recovered soul. Ah, who can tell the story of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the merit; to You alone the praise! Give us a thankful spirit to serve You all our days.



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

SCREEN 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, Damian Busse

Serving Us Next Weekend

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

DEACON Paul Bade

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

SCREEN Russ Schmitt

HEAD USHER Zach Lien

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

USHERS Officers and Board Members

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?)
