

Immanuel Lutheran

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The Season after Pentecost

Ninth Sunday

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Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

Serving Us This Week

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Welcome!

We are excited to share the Good News with you! Guests, please contact us if you are interested in learning more about Immanuel.

Order of Service We Prepare to Meet our Lord

Hymn 381 TLH (Red Hymnal) I Know My Faith is Founded

INVOCATION We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

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

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen!

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C: → Who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: ♪ Amen.

We Praise our Lord

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 119:123-127

- P: My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation
- C: And Your righteous word.
- P: Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy,
- C: And teach me Your statutes.
- P: I am Your servant; Give me understanding,
- C: That I may know Your testimonies.
- P: It is time for You to act, O LORD,
- C: For they have regarded Your law as void.
- P: Therefore I love Your commandments
- C: More than gold, yes, than fine gold!
- P: Glory be to God!
- → Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
"Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!

Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

P: Let us pray...
C: ♪ Amen.

Our Lord Speaks to Us

OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 15:19-21

Congregational Praise: > Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Therefore this is what the Lord says. If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. 20 I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the Lord. 21 I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

EPISTLE READING ACTS 20:17-38

Congregational Welcome: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; 20 "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21 "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of

God. 25 "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. 26 "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. 32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. 35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." 36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, 38 sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Congregational Response: Praise be to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 469 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

SERMON MATTHEW 7:22-29

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" Luke 11:28

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." 28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Your Life Has Been Founded on the Rock

- 1. Through the Work of Jesus Christ
- 2. Through the Word of Jesus Christ

We Offer Ourselves to the Lord

OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 22

In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

OPTION 1 If attending a service in-person, leave your contribution in the offering plate in the narthex.

OPTION 2 Mail your contribution to: 421 N 2nd St, Mankato, MN 56001 OPTION 3 Use your bank's bill pay service.

OPTION 4 Drop off your contribution in the mail slot at the school entrance on the south side of the building in the parking lot. Please do not use cash.

OPTION 5 Download CashApp on your mobile device or visit <u>cash.app/login</u>. The church's \$cashtag is "\$immanuelmankato". In the memo section, please indicate your envelope number and how you would like your offering distributed between funds. For example: #317 General Fund: \$25 MDF: \$5.

Thank you for your continued support of His Work at Immanuel!

PRAYERS

Our Lord Gives Himself to Us

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: ♪ And with your spirit.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: ▶ We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.
- P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty,

- everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
- ▶ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
- P: Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed by 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!
- ♪ Amen. O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 - You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 - You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 - You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our Practice of Close Communion: We believe that God desires unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Immanuel and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. For more information, pick up the tract from the narthex titled "Why Close Communion."

NUNC DIMITTIS Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32)

▶ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Our Lord Blesses Us

BENEDICTION A Good Word or Blessing.

Congregational Response: D Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 761 WS (Tan Hymnal) In You Is Gladness

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REOPENING Please see the <u>Church Reopening webpage</u> for the full plan laid out by the Deacons of Immanuel for the cautious and careful reopening of our church for weekend services. Note: during this time, most other activities, services, and office hours at Immanuel Lutheran Church have been cancelled due to the stay safe orders issued by our government. Thank you!

COMING BACK TO CHURCH Your pastors and church leaders want to reassure you that in these times, when we are all finding our way of how to deal with the threat of COVID-19 in our own personal circumstances, we will go out of our way to not judge any one of you because you are or are not attending church in person. We will be glad to see you when you come; we will be glad that you watch the service at home when you do not. We will understand if you decide you are not comfortable yet and support you in that personal decision. How any one of us deals with these current times is not a reason for passing judgment on someone else. We each have our own unique situation. Our hearts long for the day when we can all come to worship again! Please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions that you may have.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

Last Week

Gatherings

Saturday Worship 7/25: 24 in person

Sunday Worship 7/26: cancelled due to flooding; 164 views

Note: the number of views listed is as of 8/1/2020; "views" does not represent the number of viewers, but rather the number of computers/devices that accessed it

Fruits of Faith

Sat Aug 1

Sun Aug 2

6:00p

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Immanuel		Plate/Mail	CashApp
	Current Expenses Weekly Need \$16,895.57	\$4,848.15	\$145
	Benevolent	\$40	
	ILS Student Aid	\$465	\$150
CLC		Plate/Mail	CashApp
	Missions (CBP) Weekly Need \$1,628.14	\$395	

This Week

WORSHIP with the Lord's Supper, In-Person

Radio Sormon: KTOE 1/20/M or 102 7EM

Sun Aug 2	0:00a WORSHIP with the Lord's Supper, In-Person or Live Stream Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our		
	website www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/ at www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/		
Mon Aug 3	Mon Aug 3 Have a blessed week!		
Tues Aug 4	 Fues Aug 4 No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meetin 5:30pm Expansion Relocation Committee Meeting 7:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting 		
Wed Aug 5	2:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7 ':00p Online Bible Class via Zoom; Mtg ID 776 933 7565; Pswd 204320		
Thu Aug6	5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7		
Fri Aug 7	No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting! 2:00a Outdoor Bible Study, Primrose (gazebo), 1360 Adams St		
Sat Aug 8	s:00p WORSHIP, In-Person		
Sun Aug 9	2:15a Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i> 0:00a WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream		

Immanuel Announcements

FLOOR WAXING Volunteers are needed **August 3-7** to help with floor waxing. Contact: Bennett Olmanson 507-317-5667.

ALTAR FLOWERS Study Guild is looking for volunteers to help place altar flowers. If willing, please contact Kristen at 507-382-5257 (text or call) or at StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org. The following weekends are available:

August 15/16	
August 22/23	
August 29/30	

SCHOOL PLANS Earlier this month, the Board of Education heard three options regarding the upcoming school year presented by our teachers. These plans included a return to school option, a distance learning option, and a hybrid option. The Board of Education has chosen to move forward with the return to school option. Obviously, there will be additional challenges for our teachers and aides during this time. We keep them in our prayers and remember to support them in their work. Questions and comments can be directed to Pastor Naumann, Principal Heinze, and BOE Chairman Zach Lien.

VBS ONLINE Vacation Bible School had a very successful week last week as we moved completely online this year. However, if you missed it, you can still pick up the handouts for your children at church. All materials and videos are available for access on our website: immanuelmankato.org. This VBS answers some very important questions about what God has to say about sickness. Please share this VBS with everyone you can think of! Thank you!

THANK YOU to everyone who came in this past week to clean up the flooding in the basement and MPF. Thank you to everyone who worked on cleaning up the church in order to get it ready for services this weekend. We appreciate your efforts!

CLC Announcements

CLC CALLS At Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, Leah Fossum and Deana Pfeiffer have both accepted one year calls to teach full time, Bob Long has accepted a one year call to teach part time math, and Pastor David Pfeiffer has accepted a one year call as principal. <> Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has accepted the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Ann Sprengeler has accepted a one year as co-principal at Faith, Markesan, Wl. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD, and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Marie Muehlenhaupt has been called to be co-principal and upper grade teacher for one year at Faith, Markesan, Wl. <> Pastor Del Maas has been called as a non-

resident pastor to St. Paul, Ponsford, MN. <> Professor Steve Sippert has returned the call to Bethel, Morris, MN.

ILC BUILDING FUND PAID OFF--AND THEN SOME

A substantial gift was recently given to the CLC, designated for the ILC Building Fund. This special gift completely paid off the entire Academic Center Fund balance and provided approximately one million dollars for a future building project. CLC President Mike Eichstadt has appointed a Planning Committee to move this forward. Since every building project has to be approved by a convention, the Committee's mandate is to present a plan and cost estimate to the 2021 convention. The Committee is using the 2006 ILC Long-Range Planning Committee's 134 page report as its starting point.

In recent years some have wondered what the next ILC building project will be. An updated and expanded gym? A dedicated Chapel? The 2006 Planning Committee did some work in that area. Since the current gym's footprint could not accommodate the space requirements of the new gym, the 2006 Planning Committee recommendation was to build a new gym to the south of the Commons (in the area between the Commons, slab, and amphitheater) and to completely renovate the existing fieldhouse to house functions like morning chapel, mass choir and band practices, plays, musicals, CLC GPC and conventions, storage, etc. Look for more details to be announced in the future.

Whatever the current Planning Committee may recommend to the 2021 Convention, we recognize this as just one more example of how, "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" (Proverbs 16:9 ESV). Thank the LORD for his bounty, and for the fruits of faith in our CLC members!

INVITATION Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to their annual Harvest Festival 4 pm on Sunday, **August 9**. An outdoor service will be held at the Marvin and Gwen Hansen homeplace, followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. Take either ND-1 or SD-37 to the ND/SD border. Then travel west along the State Line Road to the first home and barn on your left. You will see plenty of parked cars. RV parking and some housing is available. For more information, contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.

ILC MAINTENANCE POSITION A full-time position has opened in the maintenance department of ILC following the faithful service of John Fox. In service to the LORD and for the welfare of our students, the responsibilities include: 1) the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and roads on the campus (e.g., mowing, tree trimming, plowing, road repair, etc.); 2) the repair, maintenance, and improvements of the buildings on the campus (e.g., equipment maintenance, plumbing, electrical, furnace and boiler care, building improvements, furniture repair, etc.); and 3) being available for certain scheduled 'on call' evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Those who are interested may contact Prof. Dan Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu or at 660.864.9231) who can provide more details along with compensation. Applications will start being reviewed on August 15, 2020.