



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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For such a High Priest was fitting for us,
who is holy, harmless, undefiled,
separate from sinners,
and has become higher than the heavens.

Hebrews 7:26

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel DEACON Ty Hanel

ORGANIST Karla Olmanson

SCREEN Joe Furst (*Sat.*) Austin Lien (*Sun.*)

WELCOME!

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

CHANTING ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn 367 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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.

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: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

P: ♪ The Lord be with you

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: ♪ Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

P: ♪ We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪ **We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.**

P: ♪ O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪ **God the Father Almighty.**

P: ♪ O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ **O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

P: ♪ Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: ♪ You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Receive our prayer.**

P: ♪ You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: ♪ For You only are holy;

C: ♪ **You only are the Lord.**

P: ♪ You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: ♪ **Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING NUMBERS 21:4-9

Are you content? In this account, the LORD directs our attention to the unbelief of the children of Israel which was rooted in their lack of contentment. The LORD's judgment was just, and His mercy was also clearly seen. Contentment and LIFE is found in looking to and trusting in the mercy of God revealed in the One Who was hung on a pole on Calvary and crucified for sinners.

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.

Congregational Praise: ♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 22:11-21

The believers of the Old Testament also looked to the suffering and death of Jesus for salvation. This "Messianic" Psalm clearly portrayed the crucifixion of Jesus and what He would suffer for our salvation: Surrounded by enemies, physical weakness and agony, dehydration, and death. Even more specific, He would be pierced, but His bones would not be broken, and His clothes would be gambled for! All this clearly fulfilled by Jesus on Calvary!

P: Be not far from Me, For trouble is near;

C: **For there is none to help.**

P: Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.

C: They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion.

P: I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;

C: My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

P: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;

C: You have brought Me to the dust of death.

P: For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

C: They pierced My hands and My feet;

P: I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.

C: They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

P: But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

C: Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog.

P: Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen!

C: You have answered Me.

GOSPEL READING JOHN 12:23-33

Jesus again reveals to His disciples the purpose of His coming. His purpose was death. But through His death, LIFE would spring forth. Through His death, He would conquer the devil and release the death grip he held over humanity because of sin. Jesus knew what His purpose was and He knew what that purpose would accomplish for sinners. This is what motivated Him to selflessly fulfill that purpose despite the agonizing cost to Himself!

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

But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. **24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. **25** "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. **27** "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour ' ? But for this purpose I came to this hour. **28** "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." **29** Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." **30** Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. **31** "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this

world will be cast out. 32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

Congregational Response: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTOLIC 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

As Moses Raised the Serpent Up

1 As Moses raised the serpent up,
So must God's Son be lifted high,
That whosoever will believe
In Him may live eternally.

2 For God so loved the world He made,
He gave His own beloved Son;
All who believe in Him will live--
Not die, but live forevermore.

3 God did not send Christ to the world
That He might then condemn us all,
But that the world by Christ's own death
Might then be ransomed from the fall.

4 For God so loved the world He made,
He gave His own beloved Son;
All who believe in Him will live--
Not die, but live forevermore.

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SERMON HEBREWS 7:23-28

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. **24** But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. **25** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. **26** For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; **27** who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. [**28** For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.]

The High Point of Your Great High Priest

1. Sufficiently handled your sin as your substitute
2. Supremely comforts your soul as your intercessor

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 12

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.

Hymn 156 vs 1-4 TLH (Red Hymnal)
Not All the Blood of Beasts

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

OFFERING MEDITATION

IT IS FINISHED- N. RADICHEL

*Let's take a walk back to Calvary, We find our Savior being nailed to a tree
Thorns and nails driven through His flesh, Innocence condemned to death
One to His left and one to His right, The shroud of death clouds His sight
The world casts their insults at His grace, Blood shed for all the human race*

"It is finished." Jesus cried, As He hung there as He died

All our sins are washed away, Remember me Lord cause you are the way

*A nearby soldier pierced His side, Flowing blood and water does not lie
His followers took Him off to the grave, Echoes heard He Himself could not save
Christ entombed as we may be some day, But to our joy the stone was rolled away
Don't doubt believe bless the eyes unseen, Resurrection to all is what this means*

"Preach the Gospel," Jesus cried, While ascending in the sky

"The harvest is great," He says "Can't you see?"

Yes Lord here I am. Send me! Send me! Send me!

*Yeah it is finished! Hear me cry, Jesus my Savior, Lord, Friend, and my God
He lifts me up on eagles' wings, yeah, and this is why... my heart is singing!*

Hymn 151 vs. 1,7 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Christ the Life of All the Living

1. Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,--
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit, I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee!

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high!

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

ALL: ♪ Amen!

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 307 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Midweek Lenten Service 3/10: **94**; views 126
 Saturday Worship 3/13: **46**
 Saturday Family Sunday School: **15**
 Sunday Worship 3/14: **100**; views **187**
 Sunday Family Sunday School: **22**
 Primrose 3/19: **5**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)	\$ 631 CLC General Budget (CBP)
\$ 11,862.50 Current Expenses General Budget	
Non-Budgetary	
\$ 50 Preschool Fund	
\$ 815 Lent Offerings	
\$ 38 Major Improvement	
\$ 15 ILS Foundation	
\$ 21 Benevolent	
\$ 452.50 MPF Floor Replacement Fund	
\$ 29 MPF Free Will Offering	
Memorials:	
<i>In Memory of Dennis Jackson</i>	
\$ 25 ILS Foundation	
<i>In Memory of Desirae Naumann</i>	
\$ 25 ILS Foundation	
<i>In Memory of Margaret Norell</i>	
\$ 25 ILS Foundation	

THIS WEEK

Sat Mar 20 10:00a Church Music Practice
 6:00p **WORSHIP**, In-Person
 7:00p 3rd Sunday Communion- Pastors' Offices

Sun Mar 21 7:00p Family Sunday School
 9:00a Family Sunday School
 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*
 10:00a **WORSHIP**, In-Person or Live Stream- Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website- www.ImmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

11:00a 3rd Sunday Communion- Pastors' offices

Mon Mar 22 God bless your week!

Tues Mar 23 3-5p Pastors' Office Hours
 6:00p Board of Elders Meeting
 7:00p Board of Education Meeting

Wed Mar 24	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	Lenten Worship
Thur Mar 25	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study 105 E Walnut St Mankato
	5:00p	In Person Confirmation Class
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	Online Confirmation Class
Fri Mar 26	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato
	11:00p	SIC Meeting
		Have a blessed weekend!
Sat Mar 27	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	2-5:00p	Adventure Day- Minneopa State Park
	6:00p	WORSHIP In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Mar 28	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School is being planned to be held July 12-16. Please pray that God will enable us to hold VBS as normally as possible. Keep these dates in mind as you make your summer plans.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED Altar Flower Volunteers are needed for upcoming services in March and April. Opportunities to volunteer are listed below. To sign up or get additional information, please contact Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257 or StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org

Wednesday, March 24

Saturday/Sunday, March 27-28

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

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 are \$13 each, and lilies are \$9 each. A sign-up sheet and payment box are in the narthex.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS March 22. You may take your plant/plants home after the 10AM Easter Sunday service. Any questions, please contact the church office.

A CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT is being planned for Friday, April 16th at 7pm. Pastor Radichel will be doing a series of Scripture lessons, original songs, some congregational songs to sing, and devotional thoughts in the sanctuary (this is in coordination with a Mission Festival he was asked to do at another CLC congregation around the same time). If you are looking for a spiritually relaxing evening come on down. If you are interested in playing music or participating, please let Pastor know soon!

ERC: Should Immanuel Relocate? The Expansion Relocation Committee is re-investigating why certain areas of our current Immanuel campus are problematic. We hope to try to expand on these areas for the congregation in the coming months. Over the years, some of the major concerns the congregation has about our current campus have been:

Parking <> Multiple Level <> Preschool <> Facility Congestion <> **SECURITY**
<> Storage <> Green Space <> Maintenance & Operational Costs <> Location

- **Security**

- Neighborhood Safety has been a concern for many years for both the church and the school. Protests downtown that are not always so peaceful. Crime in the area has continued with shootings, drugs, etc.
 - How can we help affect positive change in the neighborhood and what effort would that take from Immanuel?
- The multiple active entrances make surveillance more challenging and give opportunity for unauthorized entry. This makes it also more difficult to secure the facility in the case of a hostile event with all of the ground floor windows.
- The joined school and church facilities are a blessing, but also brings security issues during special services or school events (more places to get to or hide).
- The keys and entrance access have been an area of question for several years.

Questions to consider:

- Are there ways to resolve these concerns with our current property?
- Do you think these areas alone justify moving to a different location?

More questions? Would you like to meet and discuss more with one or two of us? Please ask one of our **ERC** members: Dave Busse (chair), Mick Rykhus, Russ Schmitt, Jared Miller, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

ADVENTURE DAY Join your Immanuel Family for an afternoon of outdoor fun on **Saturday March 27th**. We will be gathering at Minneopa State Park in the picnic shelter by the falls at **2pm** for a Bible Study. After Bible Study there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids, and an optional Scavenger Hunt for the adults. You could break off into groups to go hiking, or just enjoy the fire and fellowship by the shelter. We hope to see you there! Any questions can be directed to the church secretary.

IN MEMORY OF The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Mrs Mildred Pischner and her "ability and love for gardening".

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY Pilgrims Rest Cemetery is planning on doing cleanup day on April 10th. from 9 AM - 1PM. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with raising lot markers, leveling flat stones, raking leaves, and picking up sticks and garbage. We are planning on renting a machine this year to do the bulk of the leaf pickup so we can dedicate more of our efforts to raising lot markers and stones.

Due to social restrictions remaining in place, we are not planning on providing lunch this year. Please bring a snack and drinks with you. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Harris 507-382-3081 or email at anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP ADDITIONS In Old Testament times, the Passover Festival commemorated God's deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egyptian slavery. The high point of this feast was in the slaughtering of the spotless lamb. As commanded by the LORD, they ate the lamb, and spread its blood on the doorposts so the Angel of the LORD would pass over them and spare them. This Passover celebration lasted from the 14th to the 21st day of the Hebrew month Nisan. For the New Testament Christian, we celebrate Holy Week commemorating God's deliverance of all people from their slavery to sin. The high points of this celebration include:

- Palm Sunday when Jesus entered into Jerusalem,
- Maundy Thursday when Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion),
- Good Friday when Jesus was sacrificed as our spotless Lamb once and for all, and
- Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead giving us the confidence in His promise of our eternal life.

This year we are planning on more opportunities to reflect on the many detailed events of Holy Week. Along with our usual celebration worship times listed above, we plan to also hold three shorter, school chapel services Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the start of school. The chapels (school only) can be attended on livestream, or watched later in the day as they will be recorded. These shorter services will consist of an open and closing hymn, the Scripture reading of what Jesus did and said that day during Holy Week, a few devotional thoughts, and prayer. We encourage you to participate in as much as you are able to in order to get the full picture of what happened that week when Jesus fulfilled His promise to defeat sin, death, and the devil for us all!

Here is the schedule:

Palm Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Saturday	Easter Sunday
<i>March 27-28</i>	<i>March 29</i>	<i>March 30</i>	<i>March 31</i>	<i>April 1</i>	<i>April 2</i>	<i>April 3</i>	<i>April 4</i>
Sat 6p / Sun 10a	9:50a	9:50a	9:50a	6p Worship	6p Worship	6p Worship	7a Sunrise / 10a
<i>In Person and Livestream</i>	<i>Chapel & Livestream</i>	<i>Chapel & Livestream</i>	<i>Chapel & Livestream</i>	<i>In Person and Livestream</i>	<i>In Person and Livestream</i>	<i>In Person and Livestream</i>	<i>In Person and Livestream</i>
Pastor Naumann	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Naumann	Pastor Radichel	Both Pastors	Both Pastors

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP This year's kindergarten roundup will be a virtual presentation to our incoming kindergarten class. Program includes a virtual presentation from the school principal, classroom teacher, and school nurse. You will receive information on enrollment, tuition, lunch program, kindergarten readiness, and much more! The current kindergarten class will perform a play called *Hattie and the Fox*. Parents of Kindergarten aged children who wish to register for access to this event should visit ilsk-12.org and complete the Kindergarten Roundup Registration form by clicking the link at the top of the page. For more information, call (507) 345-3027 or email secretary@immanuelmankato.org

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING A Special Voter's Meeting is being requested for after service on March 28th. Agenda will include membership matters, and the purchase of a water heater replacement for the MPF.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYOND CALLS Jessica Krueger has accepted the call by Faith, Markesan, WI to be upper grade teacher. Jessica is a member of Faith who is presently teaching in the public school

YOUTH CAMP at Camp Jim in Pillager, MN is currently a "go" for June 13-19, 2021. Because of spacing restrictions in Minnesota, attendance at this point is limited to those entering 9th through 12th grade in the Fall of 2021. Should restrictions be lifted, the camp directors will be ready to open registration to those entering 6th-8th grade as well. Initial registration date for Grades 9-12 will be on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. Central. Because of COVID uncertainties, no registration fee will be due at that time. Watch for a registration reminder and web address in the coming weeks.