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1ST SUNDAY IN THE LENTEN SEASON



"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:14-15

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Neal Radichel <> **DEACON** Brent Schreyer <> **ORGANIST** Vickie Schreyer<>
SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt <> **ALTAR FLOWERS** The Stelter Family <>
USHERS Karl Friedrichs, Kyle Hulke, Aaron Busse, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Andrew Lentz, Austin Lien, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Alex Schmitt, Ben Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Ross Theneman

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann <> **DEACON** Mark Matzke <> **ORGANIST** Bonnie Cornish <>
SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Austin Lien <> **ALTAR FLOWERS** Karla Olmanson <>
USHERS Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Orrin Gessner, Scott Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Daniel Pfeiffer, Caleb Rhiger, Mike Schweim, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams

ORDER OF SERVICE

[Red Hymnal, pp. 15ff]

OPENING HYMN: #20 "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

INVOCATION – *We invoke, we call upon our LORD for His blessing*

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

Congregation (C): ♪ **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON GENESIS 3:1-15

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

How did sin and death enter the world? God gives us the answer in the opening chapters of Genesis. Mankind gave into temptation and disobeyed God's one command, bringing sin and its results into God's perfect world. But God's love for mankind was so great that He promised a Savior for mankind, who would defeat the devil through His own suffering and death.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" **2** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3** "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" **4** Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. **8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" **10** So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." **11** And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you

should not eat?" **12** Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." **13** And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 5:12-21

Congregational Welcome: ♪ **Glory be to You, O LORD!**

Paul describes how the sin of Adam and Eve has affected all mankind. Death spread to all people, because all sinned. We have inherited a sinful nature from our parents (Original Sin), and have committed sins in our own lives in thought, word and deed (Actual Sin). But Jesus, the "second Adam," came and through His perfect life and death on the cross has brought for all men "justification of life." Jesus is the Savior we desperately need!

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- **13** (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. **16** And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. **17** For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) **18** Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. **19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. **20** Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, **21** so that as sin

reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM 103:1-12

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: And forget not all His benefits:

P: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

P: He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth,

C: So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

P: As far as the east is from the west,

C: So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

P: Glory be to God!

GLORIA PATRI – *Glory be to the Father*

C: ♪ **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.**

KYRIE - *Lord have mercy*

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

LUTHER'S SNACTUS HYMN - #249 in *Red Lutheran Hymnal*

**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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C:  Amen.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH 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: #369 “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 3:9-19 (NKJV)

Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? **11** Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. **12** If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **18** He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

Investigate Jesus through the eyes of Nicodemus

1. A Scared Skeptic (*John 3:1-2*)

2. To Timid Defender (*John 7:50-52*)

3. To Bold Confessor (*John 19:38-42*)

*Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel
Sermon notes sheets are in the entryway*

OFFERTORY – *We offer ourselves to the LORD*

♪ **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.**

SERMON HYMN: #245 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

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

SPECIAL PRAYERS & GENERAL PRAYER OF THE DAY

COMMUNION LITURGY – *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 singing:

C: ♪ **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 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;


C: ♪ **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C:  Amen.

AGNUS DEI – *Lamb of God*

C:  **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

Our Practice of Close Communion	Communing
<p>A Holy Sacrament - Holy Communion is correctly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity - God’s Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion - We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).</p> <p>Visitors - 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. We’d love to have you!</p>	<p>Kneeling rail - Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony - Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction - Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the Pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.</p> <p>Gluten Free / Non-alcoholic grape wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord’s Table.</p> <p>Dispose cup - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.</p>


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#377 “Salvation unto Us has Come”

#754 “Come, Risen Lord”

#313 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

NUNC DIMITTIS – O LORD, now let Your servant

C:  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.

BENEDICTION - A Good Word or Blessing

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.

Congregational Response:  **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN: #309 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(FEB. 26 & 27 REPORTED)

Budgetary

\$9,433.51 Current Expenses General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$7 Major Improvement

\$1 ILS Student Aid

\$15 Foundation

\$20 Benevolent

\$90 Floor Replacement Fund

\$32 MPF Free Will Donation

\$60 Men's Breakfast

\$34.50 Aluminum cans for MPF Floor

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$417 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$150 CLC MDF (Missions)

\$106 CLC Kinship

Saturday Worship 2/26: **113**

Saturday Sunday School: **4**

Saturday Bible Class: **14**

Sunday Worship 2/27: **146**

Sunday School: **31**

Sunday Bible Class: **54**

Ambassadors: **8**

Location	Active	Time	Day	Freq.	Type	# Souls
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Fri.	Every	Study	25
Mankato Lodge (Primrose)	Yes	9:00 AM	Fri.	Every	Study	Quarantine
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Fri.	Every	Worship	Quarantine
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15AM	Fri	2 nd , 4 th	Worship	11
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Tues.	Every	Study	5
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	Tues.	1 st , 3 rd	Study	5
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Wed.	Every	Study	8
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Wed.	Every	Study	7
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Thur.	Every	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Thur.	Every	Study	6
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Thur.	Every	Study	6
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:						81
<i>Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!</i>						

THIS WEEK

Sat Mar 5	6:00p	WORSHIP , In-Person- Communion Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Mar 6	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP , In-Person or Live Stream- Communion Weekend
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
	2-4p	Church Basement & MPF Reserved for Private Event
Mon Mar 7	4:30-9p	Pizza Ranch Night for Senior Class
Tues Mar 8	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours <i>(let them know if you need a visit)</i>
	6:30p	Deacon Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance Meeting
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed Mar 9	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Com #7
	2:00p	Midweek Lenten Service
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:00p	NO Online Bible Study
Thur Mar 10	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours <i>(let them know if you need a visit)</i>
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
Fri Mar 11		No School

	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	11-4p	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sat Mar 12	6:00p	WORSHIP , In- Person
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Mar 13	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM</i> or <i>102.7FM</i>
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMANUEL BLOOD DRIVE The Senior Class is putting on a Blood Drive on **March 11th** in the gym from 11-4pm. To schedule a time please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter ImmanuelELC. More details to come. Thank you!

ARTS CAMP IS BACK We are excited to again be able to host Arts Camp in 2022! Camp will run **March 25-27** and is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. Watch for registration information very soon!

Immanuel, we can use your help! Arts Camp is looking for volunteers; no arts talent required!

How can you help?

- Plan and lead a class
- Lead a preplanned class
- Supervise (overnight/daytime or other)
- Prepare, serve, clean up a meal/snack
- Donate towards supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship
- Many other opportunities!
- Always prayers and encouragement for others to come!

Contact Kym Stelter 507-327-2076 kjstelter@gmail.com

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS Women's Study Guild has updated the card display in the back church entry. It now includes Confirmation, Easter, Mother's Day and Graduation. Also available; Sympathy, Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well and Thinking of you. Cards are available for purchase for 50 cents each.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers placed on our altar this weekend are in loving memory of Jone Stelter, by her family.

ILS SENIOR NIGHT AT PIZZA RANCH Please come out and enjoy some pizza on Monday, March 7 from 4:30 pm - 9pm, to help support the ILS Class of 2022 with their trip to Florida in April!

THANK YOU Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated food and money for the CAL Tournament. We appreciate the support that Immanuel members and non member volunteers have given to the athletic program. You are greatly appreciated!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Mrs. Becky Buck, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to be the 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI <> Mrs. Dawn Mayhew, a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has accepted the call to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY <> Mr. Luke Willitz is still considering the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL <> Ms. Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, is still considering the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN

EDUCATION SEMINAR Messiah, Eau Claire, and Grace, Sleepy Eye, are co-hosting a free seminar on Education over the weekend of the Grade School Tournament. Join us in Sleepy Eye on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30pm or in Eau Claire on Sunday, March 13 also at 6:30pm. Doctor Daniel Schierenbeck and Pastors Nathanael Mayhew and Mark Tiefel will be the presenters. The seminar is entitled "Evaluating Education - A Biblical Perspective on Critical Questions." The seminar will look at the following three questions: What is the foundation? Who gets to decide? What is the goal? Following the presentations, time will be given for Questions and Answers. With so many questions surrounding the state of education in our country, this will be an opportunity to learn more about what is going on and consider related answers from God's Word. We invite you to join us to learn more and to be a part of the conversation! The Sleepy Eye presentation will be at the Sleepy Eye Event Center (110 12th Ave Ne, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085), and the Eau Claire presentation will be at the Celebration of Life Center (1717 Devney Drive, Altoona, WI). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602) or Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000).