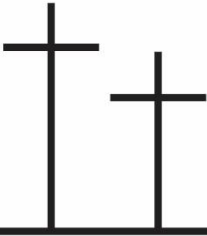


**The LORD restores the Ark of the Covenant to Israel**

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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12<sup>th</sup> Weekend in the Season of

# Trinity

## VISITOR INFORMATION

**RESTROOMS** are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

**THE MOTHER'S ROOM** is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway.

**AMPLIFYING HEADSETS** are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact the Deacon on duty this weekend or any of the ushers or pastors. They would love to assist you!

**WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?** Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe or visit our website, [ImmanuelMankato.org](http://ImmanuelMankato.org).



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## The Invocation

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

**Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

*This I Know (Jesus Loves Me) by Lydia Laird*

When the whole wide world feels crazy  
Like it's ripping at the seams  
And the lies keep growing louder  
With chaos threatening  
When the weight upon my shoulders  
Is too much for my soul  
Won't you help me to remember  
Those words from long ago

**Jesus loves me this I know**

**For the Bible tells me so**

**Little ones to Him belong**

**They are weak but He is strong**

When I look into the mirror  
And all that I can see  
Is a million imperfections  
Starting back at me  
When I feel like I'm abandoned  
All alone and left behind  
Help me know you'll never leave me  
I am yours and you are mine

*Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me  
He loves me this I know*

And when this life is over, All the tears are gonna end  
I'll cross over that river, I'll sing it once again

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## 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.**

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.

**C: ♪ Amen!**

## The Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy*

♪ Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

## The 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 vic'try 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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 7:31-37*

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. **32** Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. **33** And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. **34** Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." **35** Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. **36** Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. **37** And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

### **Psalm of the Day**

*Psalm 70*

*<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance.>*

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,

**C: Who say, "Aha, aha!"**

P: Let all those who seek You

**C: 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;

**C: Make haste to me, O God!**

P: You are my help and my deliverer;

**C: O LORD, do not delay!**

## **Epistle Reading**

*2 Corinthians 3:2-11*

You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; **3** clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. **4** And we have such trust through Christ toward God. **5** Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, **6** who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. **7** But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, **8** how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? **9** For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. **10** For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. **11** For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

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!**

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed*

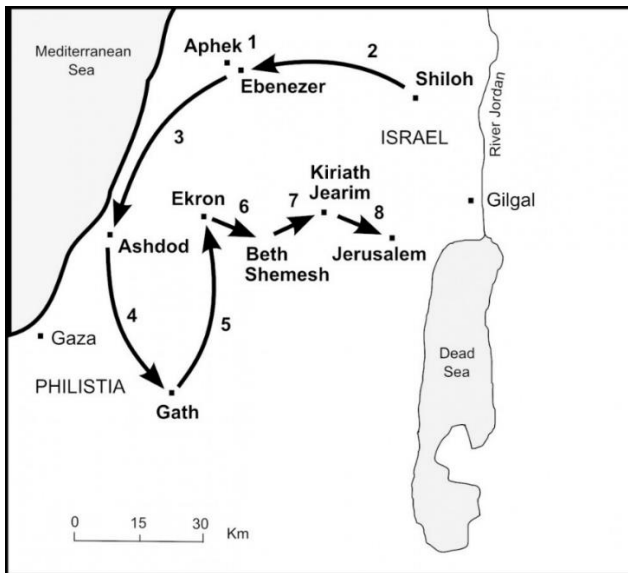
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**(Sat) Hymn of the Day**      *WS 779 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"*

**(Sun) ILS Children**                      *"I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus"*



**The Ark of the Covenant is captured at Aphek (1 Samuel 4-7)**

# The LORD Brings You Full Circle

Deliverance



Dilemma

Devotion

## Sermon

*1 Samuel 7:1-17*

Then the men of Kirjath Jearim came and took the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. **2** So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. **3** Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." **4** So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only. **5** And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." **6** So they gathered together at Mizpah, drew water, and poured it out before the LORD. And they fasted that day, and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah. **7** Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

## Dilemma

**8** So the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand



of the Philistines." **9** And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. Then Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him. **10** Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel. **11** And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and drove them back as far as below Beth Car. **12** Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

## Deliverance

**13** So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. **14** Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines. Also there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. **15** And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. **16** He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. **17** But he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

## Devotion

*Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel*

### Offertory

*WS p16*

**♪ 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.**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

*“Yet Not I, But Christ in Me”*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

## Offering Hymn: *WS #788*

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.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

## Closing Hymn *TLH 644 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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## ONGOING IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

*Please keep these individuals in your personal prayers*

- Will Roettger – lymphoma treatment
- Pastor John Hein – from Grace, Fridley, MN with Thymic cancer
- Carrie Dahle – Hilary Lien's sister with cancer
- CLC Mission In Myanmar and Nepal- Details below

## LAST WEEK

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Blue Earth's Jail (Men's)	Yes	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Study	7
Blue Earth's Jail (Women's)	Yes	8:45 AM	Every Friday	Study	3
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Worship	5
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	12
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	5
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Waters Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	3
Old Main	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	26
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	7
Hillcrest	Yes	10:30 AM	Every Friday	Worship	11
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Worship	12
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					141
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

## THIS WEEK

Sat Aug 26	6:00p	WORSHIP
Sun Aug 27	9:15a 10:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM WORSHIP Live Stream- <a href="http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org">www.ImmanuelMankato.org</a> Watch - <a href="http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/">www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/</a>
Mon Aug 28		Blessing on your week!
Tues Aug 29	3-5p 5:00p 5:30p 5:30p 6:00p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit) Junior High Volleyball Vs Willmar @ Home Varsity Soccer Game Vs Willmar @ Home JV Volleyball Vs Willmar @ Home Varsity Volleyball vs Willmar @ Home
Wed Aug 30	12:45p 2:00p 7:00p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Online Bible Study
Thur Aug 31	8-10a 5:45p	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit) Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7

Fri Sept 1	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Sept 2	6:00p	WORSHIP Communion Weekend
Sun Sept 3	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP Communion Weekend

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Evangelism Seminar 6pm- September 20<sup>th</sup>**

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EVANGELISM SEMINAR** Immanuel is excited to host a guest speaker from our synod's CDF committee for a seminar titled "Acts of Evangelism" on **September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. The seminar consists of three parts on evangelism based on accounts in the book of Acts. Immanuel's Outreach Committee is organizing this event to include a children's lesson in one of our classrooms so parents can take part in the seminar, and a potluck for everyone! Please join us!

**TIME AND TALENT OFFERING** On August 5-6<sup>th</sup>, we offered another opportunity to share our time and talents with the Lord through service here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. If you were unable to fill this out there are paper copies available in the entryway. Please fill one out and give it to the deacon on duty. You can also fill out an online form by clicking this [LINK](#). Thank you for your gifts to the Lord!

**LADIES AUXILIARY** All women at Immanuel are invited to Ladies Auxiliary, on Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the church basement. Please use the south entrance.

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYNOD CALLS** Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City, SD is considering the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI

**MAN UP! WEEKEND** The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend

will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org) and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

**CLC MISSION PRAYERS FOR MYANMAR** Pastor Kham recently sent a sad and troubling report that after eight days of ground combat between the Myanmar military and People's Defense Force (PDF), two villages in Chin State, the military Junta sent in bomber and fighter jets carpet bombed several villages in the area. Many houses of CLC-Myanmar members have been burned, damaged, or destroyed. These families have left their home villages in search of safety and shelter. This has also caused many conflicts between tribes as they blame each other for the harsh treatment they receive from the Junta. On top of this, the Military Junta has [dissolved all political parties](#) and recently announced that they have [postponed the August 2023 elections](#) they have been promising since they took over the country by force in [February of 2021](#). **Continue to Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that our Savior will give them strength, comfort, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. **Thank the Lord** for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings and prayers.

**CLC MISSION PRAYERS FOR NEPAL** The 2023 CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal returned home safely on July 14th. While in Nepal, they had the privilege of working alongside pastors and leaders of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) to teach the Good News of Jesus to nearly 1,500 children. **Thank the Lord** for giving the love, compassion, patience, wisdom, and safety to the Mission Helpers that was necessary to speak the truth of His love to so many children. **Pray** for the pastors and church leaders of the HCLCN who continue to labor daily among the sheep of our Savior Nepali flock.

**PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S RETREAT** Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able

to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace". There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend, which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. **Go to:** <https://gethsemanecl.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.



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## Serving Us Today

**PASTOR** Neal Radichel

**DEACON** Joel Enter

**ORGANIST** Vickie Schreyer

**SCREEN** (Sat) Joe Furst (Sun.) Help Needed

**GREETERS** (Sat) Sue Jensen (Sun) Jen Schmidt

**USHERS** Ben Busse, Michael Wheaton, Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Sam Geschwind, Sam Hagen, Gavis Hensley, Cade Libby, Travis Miller, Kevin Moeri, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Nick Schmid, Noah Schmid, Wayne Timm, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams

## Serving Us Next Weekend

**PASTOR** Joe Naumann

**DEACON** Ben Stratton

**ORGANIST** Bonnie Cornish

**SCREEN** (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt

**GREETERS** (Sat) Help Needed (Sun) Jay & Kelly Hanel

**USHERS** Kyle Hulke, Karl Friedrichs, Riley Anderson, Aaron Casto, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Austin Hart, Andrew Lentz, Gary Mittelstadt, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman