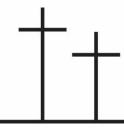
Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.'''

> Isaiah 44:8 (NKJV)

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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!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Scan this QR code to learn more about what we believe at <u>ImmanuelMankato.org</u>



11th Weekend in the Season of **Trinity**

The Invocation

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

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

WS 786 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

L: 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.

- L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your onlybegotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end

that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- L: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our 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!

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 6

- L: O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, **C: Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.**
- L: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak;
- C: O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.
- L: My soul also is greatly troubled;

C: But You, O LORD-how long?

- L: Return, O LORD, deliver me!
- C: Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!
- L: For in death there is no remembrance of You;
- C: In the grave who will give You thanks?
- L: I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim;
- C: I drench my couch with my tears.
- L: My eye wastes away because of grief;
- C: It grows old because of all my enemies.

L: Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity;

- C: For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.
- L: The LORD has heard my supplication;
- C: The LORD will receive my prayer.

L: Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; **C: Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.**

L: Glory be to God!

Friend or Enemy? 11th Weekend in Trinity

The Gloria Patri

✤ 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.

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

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

The Gloria

Tune: LSB 820

All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity, For planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free, On whom our trust is founded, our house built on a rock, Our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock, Dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again, Join saints and angels singing, 'Amen, Amen, Amen!'

The Salutation

L: The Lord be with you **C:** ♪ **And with your spirit.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, You are more willing to hear than we are to pray and willing to give more than we ever desire or deserve. Show us Your abundant mercy, forgive the sins that strike at our conscience, and give us what is good--what we seek only on the basis of Jesus' sacrifice and His prayer for us; even as He lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Glory to the Father

Epistle Reading

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. **26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. **27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' **28** He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him,

'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."" ... 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

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.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 657 "Beautiful Savior"

Sermon

Isaiah 44:6-8 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. 7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. 8 Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Friend or Enemy?

Preaching today: Mr. Bob Heller

Offertory

✤ 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.

Sermon Hymn TLH 457 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

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

L: 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

WS 798 "God, We Praise You"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH				
(AUG 3-4 REPORTED)				
Budgetary				
\$10,116.56 Current Expenses				

 CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

 \$1,164
 CLC General Budget (CBP)

 \$30
 CLC MDF (Missions)

 \$33.75
 CLC Kinship

Non-Budgetary

\$<u>1,009</u> Major Improvement
\$<u>605</u> Land Purchase
\$<u>15</u> ILS Endowment
\$<u>130</u> Benevolent
\$<u>12,045</u> ILS Advertising

Memorials \$<u>50</u>ILS Student Aid



Saturday Worship 8/3: 49

Sunday Worship 8/4: 211

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Туре	# Souls
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Monday	Worship	4
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	20
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1, 3, 5 th Tuesday	Study	6
Laurel's Edge/Street	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Ladies Auxiliary	Yes	2:00 PM	4 th Wednesdays	Study	10
Wednesday Online	Yes	6:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	11
Wednesday In Person	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	21
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Summer Evening Ambassadors	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	7
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	26
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					152
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Aug 10 Sun Aug 11	6:00p 9:00a 10:00a	Divine Worship Service Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM Divine Worship Service Live Stream – CLICK HERE
Mon Aug 12	6:00p	ERC Meeting
Tues Aug 13	6:00p	Board of Deacons Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance Meeting
	8:00p	Church Council Meeting
Wed Aug 14	6:00p	Online Bible Study
	7:00p	In Person Bible Study
Thur Aug 15	6:00p	ILS & ILHS Open House
Fri Aug 16	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Summer Evening Ambassadors
Sat Aug 17	6:00p	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion
Sun Aug 18	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Day of School ILS & ILHS- August 19th 1st Varsity Soccer Game @ Home- August 19th 4pm 1st Varsity Volleyball Game @ Home- August 19th @ 7pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MARINER INSTALLATION On August 17-18 we will be observing Christian Education Weekend in our worship service and will be installing Mr. Rick Mariner to his new position teaching at Immanuel Lutheran School. Our Grade School, High School, and Adult Choirs are welcome to join in singing "Feed My Lambs" as a part of the installation service. We plan to meet at 9:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary before church on August 18th to practice the piece. Please plan to join us! Thank you!

COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY Plans are underway to begin a Bible study specifically intended for the young people of our congregation that are college age (18-24). Pastor Mayhew has been working to collect contact information and locations of our members in this age group to organize this. If you have information about any young people who are either attending college here in the Mankato area or somewhere else, or who are in this age group and could benefit from such a resource, please contact Pastor Mayhew.

WEEKLY HYMN STUDY Beginning this week we plan to add a weekly hymn study to our Twin Steeples podcast which will be released every Friday morning. This podcast episode will highlight one of the hymns that we will be singing in our worship service that weekend. It will discuss the background of the hymn and hymn writer, to give us some context for the hymn, as well as the Biblical foundation and meaning of the hymn. The goal of the podcast is to help worshipers become more familiar with the richness of the hymns we sing in our worship, and through the study of the hymn make our singing of the hymn more beneficial and meaningful when we gather for worship. Look for this new episode beginning this coming Friday!

TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST Our Pastors produce a weekly podcast containing a devotion, weekly updates, and more. <u>Listen here.</u>

EMAIL LIST We send out weekly emails, reminders, and memos via our email list. To be added, contact our church secretary at church@immanuelmankato.org.

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 Deacons:	Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Property:	Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Finance:	Board-of-Finance@ImmanuelMankato.org
Church Council:	Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED A number of our former Sunday School Teachers are not able to teach during this upcoming year, so we have a need for more help in teaching the little children of Immanuel God's Word. If you are interested in teaching or would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Naumann at your convenience. Thank you!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh has **received** the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS India (South Asia) – A joint India Pastoral Conference is scheduled for August 20-22 in Chennai, India. Pastors, leaders, and delegates from the CLC-India and the BELC will be in attendance. The CLC will also have one Pastor in attendance to represent the CLC. Thank the Lord for this opportunity for Christian fellowship and study of His saving Word. Pray that the Lord would bless all the travel and protect everyone in attendance. Pray especially for the CLC representative that he will have no trouble entering India.

RISE & SHINE RETREAT REVIVAL An interest has been expressed to revive the 'Rise & Shine Retreat.' This retreat is geared toward young adults of the CLC, particularly those in their 20s and 30s. While we hope to put out an announcement soon regarding dates and registrations, what we are currently seeking are individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. One doesn't have to be in any specific age group to qualify for this position. He/she only needs to possess an interest in encouraging and assisting the young adults of our church body in their walk with the Lord by faith. We have need for people with an aptitude for organization and forward thinking who desire to put those gifts to work in God's kingdom in this endeavor. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact either Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST This year's Women's Retreat West is scheduled to be hosted by the Women's Fellowship of St Paul in Bismarck, ND. The dates are September 13-15 (registration closes August 13th.) This year's theme is: *"Be Encouraged, to Excel Still More."* **NAS(1 Thessalonians 4:1)** *"Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more."* The retreat will begin with a dinner cruise on the Missouri River and include presentations on hospitality, witnessing, mentoring (for all ages), Bible study strategies, creative ideas for journaling, prayer, and memorization, a variety of mini sessions, and optional excursions to the ND Heritage Center and Annual Bismarck Street Fair. To register, or for more information, go to: https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/ or contact

Sandy Roehl at sroehl@bis.midco.net

MAN UP WEEKEND Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, 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 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <u>http://www.manup.clclutheranorg</u> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today and spread the word!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION We are gearing up for another school year and are preparing to resume our yearly Sunday School and Bible Class programs in the coming weeks. As we do so, it is valuable to remember what Christians Education is, and who and what it is for. Christian Education is instruction in the truths of the Christian Faith. The Apostle Peter instructs Christians to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Jesus says that knowledge of Jesus and His Word is the most important thing in life: "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26). There is nothing more important for ourselves and our children than instruction in the Word of God. This should be the priority for us above work, family, recreation, and everything else. But it is all too easy for the things of God to take a back seat for the things of this world.

At times we must make choices: Will we go to church or the basketball tournament? Do we attend Sunday School and Bible Class or sleep in? Are we going to have family devotions or watch our favorite TV show? Will we take time for daily Bible reading and personal prayer or spend time on Facebook? There are 24 hours in every day. We all HAVE the time to invest in God and His Word. The fact is, we often CHOOSE to spend our time (or our family's time) doing the much less important things. Work and sports, even recreation and down time are important. But as important as those things are, they do not compare with the blessings God offers to us through the diligent study and instruction in His Word. Paul writes: *"For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and*

of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).

Where are our priorities? How are we making use of the Life-giving Word of Truth which God has preserved for us and through which He prepares us for eternal life? We have been redeemed from sin and death through the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus. We are not our own! Jesus *"died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:15)*.

Lord, help us all to make You and Your Word our priority, knowing that You made us Your priority!

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to <u>Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org</u> or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(2nd Weekend of the Month)

LEADERS Bob Heller & Kevin Schrader ORGANIST Laura Heinze & Lane Fischer SCREEN (Sat) Jen Theneman (Sun) Russ Schmitt LIVESTREAM

DEACON Kyle Hulke, Daniel Pfeiffer FLOWERS Daryl Pischner COUNTERS Leif & Karla Olmanson

HEAD USHER Paul Bade

ASST USHER Justin Mueller

USHERS Jeremy Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Alex Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Jacob Olmanson, Coltin Olmanson Mike Schweim

SOUND

GREETERS (Sat) Joel & Elijah Enter (Sun) Rebecca Breedlove & Annie Survis

Serving Us Next Weekend

(3rd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann	DEACON			
ORGANIST Grace Schreyer	GREETERS Joel & Deidre Macias			
SCREEN (Sat) Joe Furst (Sun) Jen Theneman	FLOWERS			
COUNTERS Alan Olmanson & Annie Survis	LIVESTREAM			
HEAD USHER Fred Friedrichs	ASST USHER John Heinze			
USHERS Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett				
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