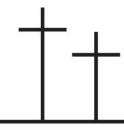
and in him there is no darkness at all

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1 John 1:5

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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>



20th Weekend in the Season of **Trinity**

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

TLH 2 "To Thy Temple I Repair"

Confession and Absolution 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.
- P: 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.

- P: 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

- P: Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust:
- C: Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.
- P: Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
- C: In You I take shelter.
- P: Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
- C: Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.
- P: Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
- C: For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- P: In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul;

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.

- C: For I am Your servant.
- P: Glory be to God!

The Gloria Patri

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Glory to the Father

Psalm 143

Lord, Have Mercy

Tune: LSB 820

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

The Gloria

The Kyrie

 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

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Merciful God, please grant to Your people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You without fear; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while

2 Kings 2:6-18

the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." 10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. 13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over. 15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him. 16 Then they said to him, "Look now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send anyone." 17 But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send them!" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him. 18 And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go '?"

ILS Choir

New Testament Reading

Matthew 7:24-29

"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.

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.

Children's Sermon

Build on the Rock

Hymn of the Day TLH 388 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Sermon

1 John 1:5-2:2 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not

in us. **2:1** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

God's Answers to **Existential Christian Questions**

1. What Is God?

2. What Am I?

3. What Is Jesus Christ?

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

TLH *p*12

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 367 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

The Offering Hymn

Grant us hearts, dear LORD, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
 With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

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 LSB 576 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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TLH 442:2

LAST WEEK

| IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION |
|------------------------------|--|
| (SEPT 29-OCT 6 REPORTED) | \$ <u>1,710</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) |
| Budgetary | <u>\$1,00</u> CLC Missions (MDF) |
| \$31,932.52 Current Expenses | \$ <u>358</u> CLC Kinship |
| | |

Non-Budgetary

\$500 Major Improvement \$1,080 ILS Student Aid \$2,285 Land Purchase \$130 ILS Foundation \$193 Benevolent \$100 New Equipment Fund \$600 Athletic Fund

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Jeff Williams \$100_Kinship In Loving Memory of Jack Mayhew \$25 MDF



Saturday Worship 10/5: 74

Sunday Worship 10/6: Sunday Bible Class: Sunday School: Ambassadors:

| Location | Active | Time | Day of the week Type | | # Souls |
|---|--------|----------|--|---------|---------|
| Blue Earth Jail (Men's) | Yes | 6:00 PM | 1 st , 3 rd Sunday | Study | 7 |
| Laurel's Peak | Yes | 10:00 AM | 1 st , 3 rd Monday | Worship | 6 |
| Laurel's Edge/Street | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Wednesday | Study | 4 |
| New Perspective | Yes | 10:00 AM | 2 nd Thursday | Worship | 6 |
| Old Main | Yes | 1:30 PM | Every Study | Study | 8 |
| Men's Breakfast | Yes | 6:30 AM | Every Friday | Study | 30 |
| Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week: 61 | | | | | 61 |
| Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services! | | | | | |

THIS WEEK

| Sat Oct 12 | 2-4p | Outdoor Adventure Day- Seven Mile |
|------------|-------|---|
| | 6:00p | Divine Worship Service 2 nd Sunday Communion |
| | 7:00p | Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School |
| Sun Oct 13 | 9:00a | Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors |
| | 9:00a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM |

| | 10:00a | Divine Worship Service 2 nd Sunday Communion Live Stream – CLICK HERE |
|-------------|--------|---|
| | 2-4p | Trunk or Treat |
| Mon Oct 14 | 7:00p | College Age Bible Study |
| Tues Oct 15 | 6:30p | Women's Study Guild |
| Wed Oct 16 | 5:15p | Canceled Confirmation Class |
| Thur Oct 17 | | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| | 6:15p | Church Choir Practice |
| Fri Oct 18 | 6:30a | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study |
| Sat Oct 19 | 6:00p | Divine Worship Service |
| | 7:00p | Adult Bible Class / Sunday School |
| Sun Oct 20 | 9:00a | Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors |
| | 9:00a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM |
| | 10:00a | Divine Worship Service |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive- October 17th Quarterly Voters Meeting- October 21st 7pm MCCL Meeting- October 22nd 7pm Sasquatch Search- November 3rd 2pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 SOPHMORE SASQUATCH SEARCH Sasquatch is on the loose! He's been spotted in the area, and the 2024 Sophomore class needs *your* help. Join us at **Seven Mile Creek Park** on **Sunday, Nov. 3 from 2:00-3:30 PM**. Enjoy a fall hike along the trails with family and friends but keep your eyes open for hidden objects--you may win a prize! Registration is only **\$20** per person. Children 6th grade and under can participate for free. Come support the sophomore class! More details available at: sophomore5k.weebly.com. Pre-register online or with a sophomore.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Our Immanuel High School Seniors are hosting a blood drive at Immanuel on **Thursday, October 17 from 11:00am - 4:00pm**. Visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life to those who need it! Thank you for your support.

2025 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <u>https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/</u>

OFFERINGS & WORSHIP Several months ago the deacons began discussing implementing the practice of bringing our offerings to the altar after the

collection is received. This is not a custom that is new to Lutheranism or Christianity. In the order of services found in *The Lutheran Hymnal* there is a note which refers to offerings brought to the altar after it is gathered. Many of us have grown up in congregations where the offerings were brought to the altar during the worship service. After discussing this, the deacons decided that this has been a valuable practice in the past and would be valuable for us to use in our worship as well.

Like other practices in our worship services, the custom of bringing our offerings to the altar may need to be explained to be properly understood, especially since it may be new to some at Immanuel. The practice may be seen by some as "for show." But what was, and is, the purpose of such a custom? What is the value in it for us? Taking our offerings to the altar is a visual way of reminding us who our offerings are intended for. Our offerings are not just for "the church." The word "offering" comes from the Old Testament which uses the word to refer to sacrifices that were given to God by placing them on an altar. "Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar" (Genesis 8:20). Such offerings were not for show, but were given to God out of thankfulness for what God had done.

Note also where the offering occurs in our worship service. Our offerings are given after we hear God's word proclaimed to us. This is not by chance. It is where it should come. The giving of offerings flow from the good news of God's work for us. Paul writes: *"For the love of Christ compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14). By bringing our offerings to the altar, we are reminded that what we place in the offering plate is not simply a contribution to "keep the lights on," but is much more than that. It is our gift to God Himself, for Him and for His work. By taking the offering" is all about, and who it is really for. It is a reminder that all we have comes from God, and we simply give back to Him, out of the abundance of what He has given us. Thanks be to God!

For these reasons, it is our prayer that this practice will enrich our understanding of what we do in worship and give us the opportunity to communicate this important truth to the next generation.

COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY We are beginning a Bible study for college age young people beginning on **Monday, September 23rd**. The studies will take up "Questions Christians hope no one will ask" and will cover important questions about the Christian faith that young adults hear from their peers or even wrestle with themselves. Young people do not need to be in college. This is intended for young people ages 18-23 (or older!), who have graduated from High School. Please join us as we address these questions and see that God has good answers to these questions. Our Bible study will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7pm, and will be offered both online

(<u>meet.google.com/eeo-ojhv-zje</u>), and in person here at church. Please share this information with your college-age family members! If you have questions, or if you would like to share contact information for someone who may be interested, please reach out to Pastor Mayhew.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS In Bible Class this year we have been taking up a series of studies under the theme: "What Does the Bible Say About...?" This week we are considering the question "What does the Bible say about the Ten Commandments?" God gave Moses an incredibly concise and simple set of rules to govern how mankind ought to act toward God and toward our fellow human beings. Yet, as simple as they are to understand, they also are incredibly deep in their meaning and application to our daily lives. Next week we will study the concept of judgment. Christians are often accused of being "judgy." Is this a valid accusation? Why or why not? We hope that you will join us as we study what God has to say about these important topics!

SUNDAY SCHOOL This week our students studied the account of David and Goliath. Although none of the other Israelites were brave enough to face the giant Goliath, David bravely ran to the enemy of God's people, trusting that God would give Him the victory. Our children will face giants in their lives. May they learn to trust in God to give them the victory, just like David. Next week we will learn about David's kindness to Saul, a wonderful example in how to love those who would seek to harm us.

WOMEN'S STUDY GUILD meets **Tuesday, October 15**, **at 6:30 pm** in the church lower level to study part of Psalm 119. A short business meeting and refreshments follow.

BOOK FAIR The online book fair has been extended! You now have an additional week to shop for Christian-based books. Shop now at: <u>https://pfpages.com/store/immanuel-lutheran-school</u> The book fair is now open through Sunday, Oct. 20.

THANK YOU Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thank you to all who donated to the Birthright Baby Shower. Thank you for the blessing of diapers, wipes, baby clothing, toys and monetary gifts! Blessings to all! Sincerely, Birthright of Mankato.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING The Voters will meet in their quarterly meeting on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include welcoming new voters, Church Council elections, the Expansion Relocation Committee presenting four pieces of land for potential relocation, and a possible fiscal year change. Any new business may be brought from the floor. An important distinction for this meeting is there will be a council recommended proposed constitutional change. The biggest changes would be adding a Board of Elders,

replacing the Board of Finance, adjusting duties of Church Officers, and restructuring the Church Council. Please read the bulletin addendum with the full set of motions as well as the proposed Constitutional changes in the narthex for precise wording.

MCCL MEETING Immanuel will be hosting the Minnesota Concerned for Life's 'Winning MN for Life' presentation on **Tuesday**, **October 22nd** in the church basement at 7:00pm. Please come and hear about the deadly effects of recent changes to Minnesota's abortion laws, and what you can do about it.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS India (South Asia) – A joint India Pastoral Conference was held August 20-22 in Chennai, India. Pastors, leaders, and delegates from the CLC-India and the BELC will be in attendance. The CLC also had one Pastor in attendance to represent the CLC. Thank the Lord for this opportunity for Christian fellowship and study of His saving Word. Thank the Lord for His blessings that our CLC representative was able to attend and had no issues with the Hindu nationalist government while he was there.

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

| CLC Financia | l Report - September | 2024 |
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| | Balance | YTD | YTD | Budget | Balance |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Operating Funds | 7/1/2024 | Revenue | Disbursed | 3 Months | 9/30/2024 |
| General Fund | 0 | 227,579 | 320,872 | 328,245 | (93,293) |
| ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) | 0 | 504,316 | 395,270 | 431,025 | 109,046 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) | 110,979 | 9,786 | 53,954 | | 66,811 |
| ILC Building Projects | 1,560,282 | 147,750 | 0 | | 1,708,032 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 120,784 | 51,652 | 34,752 | | 137,684 |
| Kinship | 169,884 | 37,618 | 47,343 | | 160,159 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) | 2,684,208 | 245,792 | 14,634 | | 2,915,366 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) | 117,317 | 20,968 | 56,768 | | 81,517 |
| EduK8 Fund | 47,692 | 10,516 | 0 | | 58,208 |
| Reserve Fund | 79,964 | 76,338 | 0 | | 156,302 |
| Auxiliary Funds Totals | \$4,891,110 | \$600,420 | \$207,451 | | \$5,284,079 |

- **General Fund** Compared to a year ago, contributions through September are down about \$44,000 and expenditures up about \$19,000, thus increasing the deficit balance in the General Fund to over \$93,000.
- **ILC Operations** Revenue is up almost \$37,000 over the same period as last year and disbursements down about \$27,000. The result is a much higher balance than last year.
- **ILC Building Projects** Most of this revenue is market value gain on the investment. Contributions to the fund were just over \$41,000 of the total.
- **Church Extension Fund** Most of this revenue as well, over \$180,000, was gain in the market value of the investments, with the remainder from congregation payments on their loans.
- **Reserve Fund** This month we received the federal Employee Retention Credit of just over \$75,000. The credit relates to prior year expenses and so it is being added to the Reserve Fund.
- Other Auxiliary Funds The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(2nd Weekend of the Month)

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 DEACON Mark Matzke

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 Laura Heinze
 SCREEN Joe Furst & Gabby Harris

 GREETERS
 Enters & Rebecca Breedlove & Annie Survis
 FLOWERS Vivan Hanel

 COUNTERS
 Leif & Karla Olmanson
 LIVESTREAM

 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

Serving Us Next Weekend

(3rd Weekend of the Month)

LEADER Daniel Pfeiffer; Bob Heller & Russ SchmittDEAORGANISTKristen FriedrichsGRESCREEN Joe FurstFLOCOUNTERSAlan Olmanson & Annie SurvisLIVIHEAD USHERFred FriedrichsASS

DEACON Anthony Greve GREETERS Joel & Deidre Macias FLOWERS LIVESTREAM ASST USHER John Heinze

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