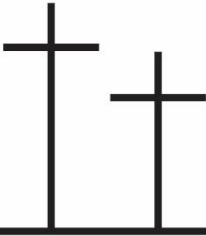




**"SEE, I AM
COMING
SOON;
MY REWARD IS
WITH ME."**

REVELATION 22:12, NRSV



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!

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The Last 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 606 "O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"*

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 vict'ry 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:28-32

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. **29** And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. **30** And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. **32** And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

P: When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,

C: We were like those who dream.

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

C: And our tongue with singing.

P: Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

C: The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.

P: Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

C: Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

P: He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing,

C: Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:13-30

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. **14** For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **15** And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. **16** Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. **17** And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. **18** But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. **19** After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. **20** So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' **21** His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' **22** He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered

to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ 23 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 24 Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ 26 But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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.

Children's Sermon

The Alpha and the Omega

Hymn

TLH 611 v.1,3,5,7 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

Sermon

Revelation 22:12-21

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” **14** Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. **15** But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. **16** “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” **17** And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. **18** For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; **19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. **20** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! **21** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Jesus is Coming - Soon!

- 1. He Comes as Judge and Savior**
- 2. So We Pray: “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

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♪ **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.**

Hymn

LSB 941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” (p.9)

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

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 279 “Today Thy Mercy Calls Us”

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We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

BIBLICAL CANTICLES

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1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-trieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

This hymn is a versification of the Te Deum laudamus. Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.


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Rev 7:9–17; Phil. 2:5–11; Ps. 89:26

LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
(Nov 16-17 REPORTED)	\$477 CLC General Budget (CBP)
Budgetary	\$108 CLC Kinship
\$19,594 Current Expenses	\$20 CLC Missions (MDF)
	\$50 ILC Student Aid
Non-Budgetary	
\$52 Major Improvement	
\$80 Land Purchase	
\$15 ILS Foundation	
\$50 Benevolent	
\$25 ILS Kindergarten Endowment	
\$10 ILS History Tour	
	

Saturday Worship 11/16: **67**

Sunday Worship 11/17: **209**

Sunday Bible Class: **50**

Sunday School: **21**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Evening Ambassadors	Yes	1:00 PM	Sunday	Study	14
Blue Earth Jail- Men's	Yes	6:00 PM	1 st , 3 rd Sunday	Study	5
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	10
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	19
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1, 3, 5 th Tuesday	Study	7
Laurel's Edge/Street	Yes	10:00 AM	Every		4
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	7
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	15
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	4
Pathstone	Yes	10:30 AM	3 rd , 5 th Friday	Worship	16
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	25
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					150
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Nov 23	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	7:00p	ILHS Drama Performance
Sun Nov 24	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Live Stream – CLICK HERE Food Shelf Sunday
	1:00p	ILHS Drama Performance
Mon Nov 25	7:00p	Recessed Voters Meeting
Tues Nov 26	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
Wed Nov 27	8-12p	Church Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00p	Thanksgiving Service
	7:00p	Pie Palooza
Thur Nov 28	10:00a	Thanksgiving Service
Fri Nov 29		No Men's Breakfast
	4-9p	Church Kitchen/Fellowship Hall & MPF Reserved
Sat Nov 30	1-4p	Babysitting Event
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Dec 1	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	11:00a	Church Decorating

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship – November 27th at 6pm
- Pie Palooza - November 27th at 7pm
- Thanksgiving Day Worship – November 28th at 10am
- Church Decorating Day – Dec. 1st at 11am
- Midweek Advent Service #1 – Dec. 4th at 2 and 6pm
- Midweek Advent Service #2 – December 11th at 2 and 6pm
- Midweek Advent Service #3 – December 18th at 2 and 6pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWIN STEEPLES PODCAST Our Pastors produce a weekly podcast containing a devotion, weekly updates, and more. [Listen here.](#)

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

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church year. This year we can close out this church year with the festival of Thanksgiving. The Psalmist writes, *“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever”* (Psalm 107:1). How appropriate it is for us to gather to thank God for all the blessings of the past church year and to look ahead to the new church year with confidence that He will likewise bless us through His Word. We have a special opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of our LORD and to give Him thanks for those blessings with our Thanksgiving Eve or Thanksgiving Day services this week. Please join us!

ILHS FALL DRAMA Come watch the high school students perform their fall drama, “You Can’t Be Too Careful”.

Saturday, Nov. 23: 7:00pm; admission \$2.00; 8 and under are free.

Sunday, Nov. 24: 1:00pm; admission \$2:00; 8 and under are free.

PIE PALOOZA Our Annual Pie Palooza is already this **Wednesday, November 27th**! Please bring a pie to share and enjoy the evening with us after church!

CONTACT INFORMATION The Board of Elders is attempting to contact the following Immanuel members by phone. However, all our information is out of date. If you have a current phone number for any of these members, please share this information with a pastor. Thank you! Ethan Gibson, Kelsey Gibson, Larry Guentzel, Trenton Heinze, Travis Heinze, Anthony Lueck, April Jordan,

Shelby Meyer, Nyabigoa Nyabigual, Sarah Nyon, Jonathan Pischner, Keb Spear, Dennis Wreath, Howard Wreath, Jesse Zuhlsdorf.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS It is greatly disappointing to see how commercialized and materialistic this time of the year has become in our society. The days from Thanksgiving to Christmas – though advertised as a time of giving and thinking of others – are often shown to be a time of selfishness and greed! During this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in all the hustle and bustle and lose sight of the real message and meaning of Christmas. How important it is for us as Christians to take a step back from the chaos of the world and the things which do not satisfy and to focus on the One Who alone satisfies the need of our soul - Jesus! Starting next week, we will offer mid-week Advent services, where we will be given opportunity for additional study of God's Word and His promised redemption. The theme for our Advent services this year is **The Family Tree of Jesus**. As we consider the family tree of Jesus, we will see that The Savior has come for All People. This is our schedule:

- 12/4 - The Savior has come for women
- 12/11 - The Savior has come for the high and mighty
- 12/18 - The Savior has come for the common person

Take time out to join us for our special Wednesday Advent services at 2pm or 6pm. May the LORD properly prepare us for the coming of our Savior through His Holy Word during this Advent season!

WOMEN'S STUDY GUILD 2025 Calendars are now available for pre-order from the Women's Study Guild. The calendars feature stunning photography and beautiful scripture verses for \$7.00 each. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to pre-order yours (no payment due at time of pre-order). Thank you for supporting the work of the Women's Study Guild.

BABYSITTING EVENT Interested in getting some time to get stuff done? To Christmas shop? Go on a date? ILHS students are babysitting kids ages 3-11 for \$10 per child on **November 30th from 1-4pm at Immanuel**. Sign up by talking to Rebecca Heinze or filling out the form from the QR code on a flyer around the school!

KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, working the ILS night, clean-up and concessions at Kiwanis Holiday Lights. This is an opportunity to let others know about our school and we receive a donation to the PTO based on our volunteer hours. Past donations have helped support school and athletic needs. Many volunteers are needed for this event. Check available shifts and sign up using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lHcEsvrMxN9i8eepSuXejbV66M03y3PY3-LwqW7a4M/edit?usp=sharing>

BIBLE CLASS This week we learned about what the Bible has to say about living together outside of marriage. To many, it seems like a good idea to "try out" what it is like to be married before making the commitment of marriage. But what does God teach us about this subject in His Word? Next week we will be considering the theme, "What does the Bible Say about Luther's Small Catechism?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL This week our students learned about Elijah and Elisha. Elijah was taken by God to heaven in a chariot of fire. Elisha prayed that God would give him a double portion of Elijah's spirit. May we too learn to take up the mantle of our leaders before us and share God's Word with others! Next week, we will be learning about Naaman's Servant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENTURES Beginning December 8, our Sunday morning Sunday School hour will be assuming a different format to teach the important lessons of Holy Scripture in a new and fun way. We will meet at the same time, 9: 00 a.m. in the gym for a larger group lesson, a snack, crafts, and a small group breakout session. Please plan to bring your children to this very important educational program! Every week will be an adventure in God's Holy Word!

ADVENT EVENT All ladies of Immanuel are invited to an Advent Afternoon on **Sunday, December 8, from 2:00 - 4:00** in the church basement. Join us as we look forward to the birth of our Savior through some devotional readings and hymns. We'll also enjoy some fellowship time over coffee and cocoa, as well as work together on a special project for families that have a child in the NICU. Ladies who would like to bring their favorite Christmas cookies or treat to share are welcome to do so.

Questions? Call or text Debra Mayhew (678-900-5574) or Rachel Naumann (952-303-1784). R.S.V.P.s are appreciated for planning purposes, but not necessary. We hope to see you there!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> <> Teacher Collette Krause of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD has announced her **retirement** effective the end of the current school year.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Pakistan (South Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub and Missionary Ohlmann were unable to visit Pakistan due to a medical emergency that occurred during their flight from the U.S. Their visit will be rescheduled

according to God's will. In the meantime, Pastor G. and the believers in Faisalabad continue to participate in weekly online video classes with Pastor Daub. Praise and thank the Lord for His protection and healing for Pastor Daub and the excellent care he received at the hospital in Dubai. Ask the Lord to continue to bless the believers in Faisalabad as they grow in their faith and understanding of God's saving word

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



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

SCREEN Joe Furst & Jen Theneman

COUNTERS Paul Bade & Sue Jensen

SOUND

HEAD USHER Ben Busse

USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Gaius Hensley, Mark Mayhew, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Jack Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams

DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer

GREETERS Sue Jensen & Jen Schmitt

LIVESTREAM

FLOWERS Daryl Pischner

ASST USHER Michael Wheaton

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

SCREEN

FLOWERS

HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke

USHERS Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman, William Roettger

SOUND

DEACON Brent Schreyer

GREETERS

COUNTER Beckers & Thenemans

LIVESTREAM

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs