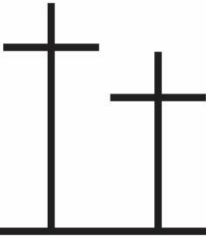
A photograph of a forest with sunlight streaming through the trees, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere. The sun is positioned in the upper left, with rays of light fanning out across the scene. The trees are dark, and the ground is covered in green foliage.

*he who
glories
let him*

GLORY

*in the
LORD.*

2 CORINTHIANS 10:17



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 ImmanuelMankato.org



2nd Weekend in the Season of

Advent

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on The Lutheran Hymnal (p. 5)

The Invocation

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

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 75 “Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken”

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, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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 only-begotten 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. *John 1:12; Mark 16:16*

P: Grant this, LORD, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen!

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 96:8-13

P: Give to the LORD the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

P: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

C: Tremble before Him, all the earth.

P: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved;

C: He shall judge the peoples righteously."

P: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

C: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

P: Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.

C: Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

P: For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.

C: He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

P: Glory be to God!

The Gloria Patri † *Glory to the Father*

♪ **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 † *O Lord*

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

Mark 10:47

The Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

This hymn of praise is based on the words of the angels to the shepherds on Christmas night. Since Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, this hymn of praise is often removed from our worship services during the season of Advent. The joyful hymn will reappear on Christmas and, Lord willing, with us having a greater appreciation of it after its absence from our worship.

The Salutation

P: The LORD be with you.

C: (spoken) **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ **Amen.**

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-18

Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests. **8** And it shall be, In the day of the LORD's sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. **9** In the same day I will punish All those who leap over the threshold, Who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. **10** And there shall be on that day," says

the LORD, “The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the Second Quarter, And a loud crashing from the hills. **11** Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh! For all the merchant people are cut down; All those who handle money are cut off. **12** And it shall come to pass at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, ‘The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.’ **13** Therefore their goods shall become booty, And their houses a desolation; They shall build houses, but not inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine.” **14** The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. **15** That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, **16** A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers. **17** I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse.” **18** Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD’s wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

Ensemble

“Yet Not I But Through Christ”

Second Reading

Mark 13:1-8

Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!” **2** And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” **3** Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,

Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?” 5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. 7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

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 details

Hymn

TLH 318 "Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All"

Sermon

2 Corinthians 10:7-18

Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again

consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's. **8** For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed— **9** lest I seem to terrify you by letters. **10** “For his letters,” they say, “are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” **11** Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present. **12** For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. **13** We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you. **14** For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; **15** not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, **16** to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment. **17** But “he who glories, let him glory in the LORD.” **18** For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

Who is Your Authority?

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

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.** *Psalm 51:10-12*

Sermon Hymn *TLH 95 “Savior of the Nations, Come”*

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn *CW21 751 v.2*

C: ♪ **To us are given gifts divine,
All talents You have sent;
Inspire us now to use them well
Your Kingdom to extend.
We hold each gift a trust from You
Nor claim it as our own;
We gratefully acknowledge, Lord,
All things are Yours alone.**

The General Prayer and 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

Benediction

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn *TLH 66 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”*

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LAST WEEK

<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (NOV 30-DEC 4 REPORTED) Budgetary <u>\$10,308.50</u> Current Expenses</p> <p>Non-Budgetary <u>\$600</u> Major Improvement <u>\$700</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$175</u> Land Purchase <u>\$20</u> Benevolent <u>\$1,750</u> Thanksgiving <u>\$10</u> ILHS History Tour <u>\$1,940.25</u> Advent Season <u>\$50</u> Preschool Fund</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>\$535</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$6</u> CLC Kinship</p>
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Saturday Worship 11/30: **58**
 Saturday Bible Class: **5**
 Midweek 12/4 2pm: **148**
 Midweek 12/4 6pm: **70**

Sunday Worship 12/1: **175**
 Sunday Bible Class: **48**
 Sunday School: **18**

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
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	19
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1, 3, 5 th Tuesday	Study	6
Laurel's Edge/Street	Yes	10:00 AM	Every		11
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	12
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	5
Pathstone	Yes	10:30 AM	3 rd , 5 th Friday	Worship	17
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	29
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					115
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 7	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Dec 8	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School Adventures
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	2-4:00p	Advent Afternoon
Mon Dec 9	7:00p	College Age Bible Study
Tues Dec 10	6:30p	Women’s Study Guild Meeting
	6:30p	Board of Deacons Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance Meeting
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed Dec 11	2:00p	Advent Midweek Service
	5:00p	Christmas Card Mailings
	5:00p	Confirmation Class
	5:00p	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00p	Advent Midweek Service
Thur Dec 12	3-5p	Pastors’ Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Dec 13	6:30a	Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Dec 14	6:00p	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Dec 15	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School Adventures
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service 3 rd Sunday Communion
	5:00p	Caroling at Washington Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Midweek Advent Service #2 – December 11th at 2 and 6pm
- Caroling at Washington Park Sing Along- December 15th 5-6pm
- Midweek Advent Service #3 – December 18th at 2 and 6pm
- Evening Ambassadors- December 18th 7-9pm Church Basement
- Women’s Chats- December 19th at 8am & January 3rd at 5pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT AFTERNOON All ladies of Immanuel are invited to an Advent Afternoon **this 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!

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. It is important for 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! Last Wednesday mid-week Advent services began, giving us additional opportunity to 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 genealogy of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel we will see that The Savior has come for All People. This Wednesday, Pastor Zack Sippert from Grace, Sleepy Eye, will lead us through the second part of our series as we see that The Savior has come for the high and mighty. 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!

CHRISTMAS TREE Something new this year! Mr. Benjamin Hanel is organizing a Christmas Tree Lot as a fundraiser for the Junior DC Tour! From **November 29-December 15th** come down to the parking lot by Barnes and Noble and buy a Christmas tree! Tell your friends and family!

CAROLING EVENT Voices wanted. Looking for volunteers to sing Christmas Carols for our shut-in members. Please contact Sharon Schaller, 507-340-2246 or call/text Ann Helgeson 507-420-7484 if you are interested and willing to participate.

OUTREACH SING A LONG On December 15th Outreach is planning a carol sing along event at Washington Park. We need help setting up, participating in handing out cocoa and cookies, singing carols and cleaning up. If you can help in any of these ways, please sign up here! Thank you!!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mJdfyAN0VTyes71oTPhEoenim3lSkM0mecvsZOZw00U/edit?usp=sharing>

WOMENS CHATS Recently, as survey went out to the women of the congregation to see how we can better serve one another. To discuss the results of the survey and to make a plan moving forward please try to join us for one of these 'Chat dates'. It is the same meeting twice, so pick what works best in your schedule! The **first date is December 19th at 8am** in the church basement. **Second is January 3rd at 5:30pm** in the church basement. Hope to see you there! Any questions or concerns reach out to Jen Theneman or Hilary Lien.

STUDY GUILD will meet on Tuesday, **December 10**, this month. This is a CHANGE from our originally scheduled meeting. Ladies, please join us for a devotional Bible Study, a brief meeting and Christmas treats.

EVENING AMBASSADORS Any 9-12th grader is invited to join in for another Evening Ambassadors session on **Wednesday, December 18th from 7-9 in the church fellowship hall**. This time we will be going through Bible Journaling and discussing the importance of making time for personal time in the Word of God. Afterwards we will have a 'White Elephant' Gift exchange and decorate some Christmas cookies to take home! Contact Hilary Lien with any questions.

ARTS CAMP Camp will run **March 21-23** at Immanuel Mankato and is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. **We can use your help!** Arts Camp is looking for volunteers; no arts talent required! **How can you help?**

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

Contact Amber Casto 507-327-3059 artscamp@immanuelmankato.org

CALENDARS SOLD OUT Our Women's Study Guild 2025 calendars are all sold out this year! Thank you for ordering! If you have ordered but have yet to make a payment please do so! You can put payments in the box marked 'Calendars' that can be found in the church secretary's office. They are \$7; checks can be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Women's Study Guild. Thank you!

IMMANUEL FAMILY DEVOTIONS 2025 Back again for 2025, the Immanuel Board of Deacons is again encouraging all our members to focus on family devotions. Family devotions are encouraged throughout God's word and are the essential training ground for the Christian, young and old alike. Whether you utilize time in the morning or before bedtime, every family should take time every day to gather around God's Word. To help our families prioritize this important goal, the Deacons have made a bulk purchase of a daily devotion book for our congregation to use as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year we will be using the devotion book "Beside Quiet Waters" by Richard Lauersdorf. We would like every Immanuel family to take a book and join us on this journey in the coming year. This would also be a great Christmas gift for friends or family as we encourage everyone to connect to God with their families this year. If you would like to make a freewill offering to cover the purchase, you are welcome to do so, but it is not required (the books cost \$15.00 each). Any donations should be designated to the Deacon's Reserve Fund. Pick up a copy for your family in the narthex this weekend. May the LORD bless our study of His word!

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

RECESSED QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING MINUTES November 30, 2024

In membership matters, Jason and Sherry Trullinger and Brock Thaemlitz were released. Jack Stratton was accepted as a voting member.

In elections: Zach Lien was elected President for a two year term. Karl Friedrichs was elected Vice President for a one year term. Alan Olmanson was elected Secretary for a two year term. Craig Stelter was elected Treasurer for a one year term. Doug Schaller was elected Financial Secretary for a 2 year term. Mark Matzke, Michael Wheaton and Kevin Schrader were elected to the Board of Elders for 2 year terms. Daniel Pfeiffer and Anthony Greve were elected to the Board of Elders for one year terms. Mac Friedrichs was elect to the Board of Deacons for a 2 year term. Paul Bade was elected to the Board of Deacons for a 1 year term. Elijah Enter was elected to the Board of Education for a 1 year term. Scott Kruse was elected to the Board of Property for a 1 year term.

The meeting was adjourned.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

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.

CLC YOUTH CAMP COUNSELEOR APPLICATION 2025 CLC Youth Camp is looking for 2025 camp staff! Camp will be June 8-14, 2025 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. Staff must be 18+ to apply to be a counselor. Sign up can be found on our Facebook page or our website:

<https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>.

Email Amber Casto if you have any questions at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Applications close December 31st, 2024. If you would like to help in other ways please reach out to Amber via email!

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP Are you still considering plans for a family vacation in 2025? If so, the voters of Zion Lutheran Church in Loganville, GA invite you to consider the possibility of joining us for our first annual Family Bible Camp. Currently, we are hoping to have enough expressed interest in this idea to reserve the group campsite at Cloudland Canyon State Park in northwest Georgia for early June. If this is something you would be interested in, please let us know by sending an email to Pastor Frank Gantt: pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com. At this time, we are not requesting an absolute decision from you but a simple "Yes, I'm interested." Also, please inform us of how many you would likely bring if you were to join us. Please respond by December 31.

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.

