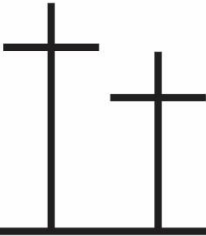


**"Those who
are well
have no
need of a
physician,
but those
who are
sick."**

Luke 5:31



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

Christmas

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

based on The Lutheran Hymnal (p. 15)

The Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 90:1-5 "Come, Your Hearts"

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.** *Psalms 124:8*

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

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

All: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am wholeheartedly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent**

of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and because of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: ♪ Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 87 ESV

P: On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

C: the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

P: Glorious things of you are spoken,

C: O city of God.

P: Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush--

C: "This one was born there," they say.

P: And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her";

C: for the Most High himself will establish her.

P: The LORD records as he registers the peoples,

C: "This one was born there."

P: Singers and dancers alike say,

C: "All my springs are in you."

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

Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

♪ Glory be to God on high:
And on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,
We glorify You, we give thanks to You
for Your great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
You who takes away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.
For You only are holy, You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Lord Jesus, we humbly bow before You, thankful for Your forgiveness, and that You have chosen us to imitate and follow Your life and Your suffering. We pray that Your grace may give us the needed strength to do what is pleasing to You, as You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 27:22-46

So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." **23** And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. **24** Then he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He said, "I am." **25** He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. **26** Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near now and kiss me, my son." **27** And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: "Surely, the smell of my son Is like the smell of a field Which the LORD has blessed. **28** Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine. **29** Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!" **30** Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. **31** He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me." **32** And his father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" So he said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." **33** Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him-- and indeed he shall be blessed." **34** When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me-- me also, O my father!" **35** But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-8

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, **2** that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, **4** who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; **5** of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. **6** But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, **7** nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." **8** That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

New Member Reception

Casey Elledge

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under

Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day *TLH 371 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"*

Sermon

Luke 5:27-32

After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." **28** So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. **29** Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. **30** And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" **31** Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **32** "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Wonders of His Love

- 1. His Loving Call**
- 2. His Loving Rebuke**

Pastor Joe Naumann

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*

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

TLH 443 v.6,8

**C: ♪ For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For Means of Grace and hopes of Heaven,
What can to You, O LORD, be given,
Who gives us all?**

**Dear LORD, from You we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our pow'r to give.
Oh, may we ever with You live,
Who gives us all!**

The General Prayer

COMMUNION SERVICE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit. *2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the LORD.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do. *Psalm 136*

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O LORD, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, just as we hear of in the vision of Isaiah:

Sanctus † *Holy*

♪ Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The LORD of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the LORD:
 “Holy is God, the LORD of heav’nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the LORD of heav’nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the LORD of heav’nly hosts!
 His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Isaiah 6

The Lord’s Prayer

P: 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;

C: ♪ **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Matthew 6:9-13

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was
betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take,
eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave
thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of

you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! *John 20:19*

C: ♪ Amen.

Agnus Dei † Lamb of God

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.

John 1:29

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

TLH 85 “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

TLH 84 “Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn”

Nunc Dimittis † Now Let Depart

C: ♪ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace
according to Your word.

For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have prepared before
the face of all people.

A Light to lighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.

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. *Luke 2:29-32*

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 90:6-8 “Come, Your Hearts”

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Our Practice of Close Communion	Communing
<p>A Holy Sacrament - Holy Communion is correctly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what CHRIST does for us.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity - God’s Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion - We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).</p> <p>Visitors - If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the pastor about this at your convenience. We’d love to have you!</p>	<p>Kneeling rail - Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony - Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction - Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.</p> <p>Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord’s Table.</p> <p>Cup disposal - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.</p>

LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
<u>(DEC 28- JAN 1 REPORTED)</u>	\$510 CLC General Budget (CBP)
<i>Budgetary</i>	\$4 CLC Kinship
\$16,725 Current Expenses	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	<i>Memorials</i>
\$540 ILS Student Aid	In Loving Memory of Marlene Hanel
\$51 Land Purchase	\$100 Kindergarten Endowment
\$100 ILS Foundation	
\$530 Benevolent	
\$1 Advent Offerings	
\$505 Christmas Day Offerings	
\$185 Devotionals	
\$25,670 New Year's Eve Offerings	
\$1,532.01 New Year's Day Offerings	

Saturday Worship 12/28: **72**

Sunday Worship 12/29: **135**

New Year's Eve 12/31: **116**

New Year's Day 1/1: **84**

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 4	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Jan 5	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	11-2p	MPF, Fellowship Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved Private Event
	11:00a	Church Un-decorating
Mon Jan 6	5:15p	Elders Meeting
Tues Jan 7	7:00p	Outreach Meeting
Wed Jan 8	5:00p	Confirmation Class
	5:00p	Women's Bible Study
Thur Jan 9	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Jan 10	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Jan 11	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan 12	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Outdoor Adventure Day Tubing at Mt Kato- January 19th 1:30-3:30pm

Annual Voters Meeting- January 20th at 7pm

Whitewater Camp- January 24th-26th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHITEWATER WEEKEND Date: January 24-26, 2025 (Friday-Sunday) Age: High School through 2nd year of college. Cost: \$75 per camper (\$83 from Eau Claire). Please make checks out to: Immanuel Ambassadors. Please give both fee and registration form to our school secretary, Mrs. Harris. Or send check to: ILS Secretary, 421 N 2nd St. Mankato MN 56001 Click here for Online Registration form (required to attend). Or go here: <https://tinyurl.com/3jcf3brc> Please submit your registration form by Friday, January 19th. Payment is DUE before departure. We hope you can attend this spiritual edifying trip where we can grow together in Christ!

ANNUAL REPORTS Our Church Secretary is working on putting together the Annual Report for 2024. Board and Committee members please get your reports to Hilary by **January 17th** so they can be included in the printed report for the meeting.

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

DONATED POINSETTIAS Thank you to those who donated poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to take the poinsettias you donated home with you after the Sunday, January 5, service, please do so.

MISSING 60 CUP COFFEE URN One of the 60 cup stainless steel coffee urns is missing from the church kitchen. If you have barrowed it for your personal use, please return it. The items in the kitchen are not to be removed for personal use. Thank you.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Bangladesh (South Asia) – Pastor Monotosh reports that the new interim government is making positive progress, and citizens are feeling hopeful about the future as peace continues to be maintained. The plans for the BLCM building project have received government approval, and the necessary permits are ready to be issued. The contractor is prepared to begin construction in January or as soon as funding becomes available. The Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to support the construction of this multipurpose building, which will serve the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). This facility will function as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Thank the Lord for His protection of His children during the recent violence and change in government. Ask the Lord to bless this nation with good government so they can live in peace and continue to spread the Good News of Jesus. Pray also for the building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work.

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



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

ORGANIST Mayhew & Cornish

FLOWERS Naumanns

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

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

COMMUNION SET UP Dicks, Hoffman, Millers

COMMUNION DISTIRUTION Joel Enter, John Heinze, Paul Bade, Ben Hanel

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

SCREEN Joe Furst & Alex Schmitt

HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke

Serving Us Next Weekend

(2nd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

HEAD USHER Paul Bade

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

DEACON Joel Enter

SCREEN Joe Furst & Jen Theneman

ASST USHER Justin Mueller