THE LORD GAVE. AN THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD. JOB 1:21



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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3rd Weekend in the Season of

Epiphany

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Worship Supplement Setting Two

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 Hymn

TLH 381 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

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.

 Psalm 51:2,5
- 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.

 1 John 3:1

C: ♪ Amen!

The Kyrie † O Lord

 Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Mark 10:47

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.

 Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, remember that we live and confront many great dangers, and by nature we cannot overcome them. Deliver us by Your grace in Christ; strengthen and protect us in times of danger and help us to resist temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

First Reading

1 Peter 3:15-17

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ

may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

ILS Choir

I Trust in God My Lord

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 49:15-20 ESV

P: God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

C: for he will receive me.

P: Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,

C: when the glory of his house increases.

P: For when he dies he will carry nothing away;

C: his glory will not go down after him.

P: For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed

C: and though you get praise when you do well for yourself

P: his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,

C: who will never again see light.

P: Man in his pomp yet without understanding

C: is like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading

Mark 1:40-45

Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

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! Luke 11:28; John 20:31

Installation of Church Officers and Board Members

Church President - Mr. Zach Lien

Church Vice-President - Mr. Karl Friedrichs

Church Secretary - Mr. Alan Olmanson

Church Treasurer - Mr. Craig Stelter

Church Financial Secretary - Mr. Douglas Schaller

Board of Deacons - Mr. Paul Bade

Mr. Mac Friedrichs

Board of Education - Mr. Elijah Enter

Board of Elders - Mr. Anthony Greve

Mr. Mark Matzke

Mr. Daniel Pfeiffer

Mr. Kevin Schrader

Mr. Michael Wheaton

Board of Property - Mr. Scott Kruse

Mr. Aaron Busse

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. Sermon Job 1

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and

that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. 2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. 3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East. 4 And his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on his appointed day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly. **6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 "Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

13 Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house; 14 and a

messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 "when the Sabeans raided them and took them away-- indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" 16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" 17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" 18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 "and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. **21** And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." **22** In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Job: A Lesson in Suffering

- 1. Every Earthly Gift Is from God
- 2. Every Earthly Gift Will be Lost

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

C: ♪ 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.

Psalm 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn

TLH 425 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

Offering Hymn

WS 788

C: ♪ LORD, You love the cheerful giver
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to You.

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.

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 396 "Oh, for a Faith"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(JAN 18-19 REPORTED)

Budgetary

\$6,408 Current Expenses

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$1,050 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$14 CLC Kinship

Non-Budgetary

\$5 Major Improvement

\$40 Land Purchase Fund

\$20 Benevolent

\$103 MPF Free Will

\$20 Benevolent



Saturday Worship 1/18: 72 Sunday Worship 1/19: 117

Saturday Bible Class: 10 Sunday School: 17

Adult Bible Class: 52

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Туре	# Souls
Blue Earth's Jail Men's	Yes	6:00 PM	1st, 3rd Sunday	Study	3
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Monday	Worship	12
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	7
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	19
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	6
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Pond's View	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	23
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	9
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 25 6:00p Divine Worship Service

Sun Jan 26	7:00p 9:00a 9:00a 10:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM Divine Worship Service Live Stream – CLICK HERE Food Shelf Sunday
Mon Jan 27	6:30p	Reorganization Meeting
Tues Jan 28		
Wed Jan 29	5:00p	Women's Bible Study
Thur Jan 30	6:15p	Church Choir
Fri Jan 31	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Feb 1	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
		Name Tag Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Feb 2	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion
		Name Tag Weekend
	11:00a	Coffee Fellowship Hour

UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Reorg Meeting- Jan. 27th 6:30pm Coffee Fellowship Hour- Feb. 2nd 11:00am Evening Ambassadors- Feb. 12th 7:00pm Immanuel Women Who Hike- Feb. 23rd 2:30pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING A TREAT FOR THE MEET & GREET Bring a treat/snack to share with your church family after service next weekend. We will be having our quarterly Coffee & Fellowship gathering in the church fellowship hall. The purpose is to connect with members *old and new!* Please join us!

EVENING AMBASSADORS All young people in grades 9-12th are welcome to attend the February Evening Ambassadors Event! We will be having a Bible Study on 'Spiritual Gifts' hosted at the Liens home on **Wednesday, February 12th from 7-9pm**. (Reach out to the church office for the address if you need one!) The study will be followed by a fellowship activity and ice cream sundaes. Hope you can join us! Any questions can be directed to Hilary Lien.

HISTORY TOUR HELP Dear Congregation, We are reaching out to request your support for The History Tour. This year, our students did an excellent job

raising funds for the trip. However, we encountered challenges with our lodging, which turned out to be unsafe. As a result, we had to secure alternative accommodation, incurring an additional expense of \$8,000.

We are hopeful that our generous members can help us offset this cost. The Congregation at Immanuel has always been incredibly supportive of this trip and the associated fundraisers. We are grateful to our Lord, our church, and our school for providing this unique opportunity for our students. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Blessings, Benjamin Hanel and The Immanuel Board of Education

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE The Immanuel High School Senior Class is hosting a blood drive at Immanuel on Friday, March 14, 2025 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.

BASKETBALL FAN GEAR Trojan basketball fans interested in clothing can order from our online store. A small markup has been added to each item that will be used to support ILS athletics. There is no closing date for the store. Questions can be directed to Mr. Brandan Heinze. Online Store Link: https://elevationsports.chipply.com/ILS/store.aspx?eid=356119&action=viewall

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

IMMANUEL WOMEN WHO HIKE Are you a woman? Are you a member or a friend of Immanuel? Do you like trees and walking amongst them? Then this group is for you! Bundle up and come on out and join us for an afternoon of hiking at Minneopa State Park. We will meet in the church parking lot at

2:30pm on February 23rd to carpool or caravan to Minneopa! Hope to see you there! Any questions can be directed to Hilary Lien.

GRADUATION GOWNS If you have had a graduate who no longer needs/wants their graduation gown, feel free to turn them into the school office so that other seniors may use them without having to order a new one. Please only return gowns that are in good condition and are not the older satin ones. We could especially use a taller one (6'0"+). Thanks for considering!

TIME AND TALENTS The LORD describes His Church as His body. The Apostle Paul writes: "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness" (Romans 12:4-8). As Christians, we have been adopted into the family of God. As His children, we have been set apart for holy purposes, purposes that serve the Lord and our neighbor. He has given each one of us gifts which He intends to be used for service in His kingdom. The gifts that the LORD gives His people differ. But when these various gifts are used together and effectively, they are used by God to bring about spiritual growth and unity of Christ's people (Ephesians 4:11-16). Every guarter, we evaluate the ministry here at Immanuel and collect information from the Boards and groups of our congregation to determine where the gifts of His people are needed and could be used. Next Sunday will be our Time and Talents weekend, where members will be given an opportunity to offer their time or talents as part of their offering to the LORD. These needs are being shared with you this weekend to give you more time to prayerfully consider the Lord's work at Immanuel, the needs of our congregation, and the gifts that He has given to you or those in your family. Please consider how you or your family can serve your Savior by filling a need in the ministry at Immanuel. You can find a few Time and Talents sheets in the church entry this weekend if you would like to review it prior to next weekend. The Time and Talents list was also included with the Immanuel Memo which was sent out on Saturday. You may also reach out to the Church Office for a copy prior to next weekend. It is our prayer that the LORD would bless the use of our gifts and abilities so that in "all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever" (1 Peter 4:11).

COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY Our College Age Bible Study will resume on Monday, January 27th. The goal for this study is to discuss questions that often arise regarding the claims of Christianity (whether from teachers / friends / coworkers / social media etc.) as young people get out into the real world. We consider these questions objectively and then look at the answers the Bible offers for these questions. It is very easy to join. We meet online so attendees can use a computer or phone (use this link: meet.google.com/eeo-ojhv-zje). This week we will consider the nature of the Bible's claims about itself, and the evidence that supports the Bible's claims that it is from God. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested. Contact Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602) with any questions.

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY The voters of Immanuel met on Monday night for the beginning of our Annual Meeting. Membership - The Council presented a list of members of Immanuel who have been inactive for release from membership. These are members who have not been in church for a year or more, and whom the pastors and deacons/elders have worked to reach over the past year. Four letters were sent requesting that they reach out to us, and at least two phone calls were made to reach out to them, with no response. As a result, forty-one members were released from membership at Immanuel. The membership of Bennett and Karri Olmanson and their children were transferred to our sister congregation in Okabena, MN. Casey Elledge was received into communicant membership at Immanuel following instruction with Pastor Naumann and his public confession of faith. Colin Schreyer was received as a voting member. Elections - Bob Heller and Kyle Hulke were elected as delegates to the MN delegate conference in June. Daniel Pfeiffer and Paul Bade were elected as alternates. Reports were reviewed and discussed. Deacons: Pastor Naumann will be the Deacon pastor. Pastor Mayhew will serve as the Education pastor. Both pastors will work with the Elders. Property: We have been awarded a grant to replace the dishwasher in the school kitchen. We will need to pay for installation, which should happen in the near future. Education: They have been working on an anti-bullying curriculum for the school. Thank you to Bob Heller for filling in in the 5-6 classroom during 1st semester. Treasurer: In 2024, our income came in over expenses by \$47,305.40. Thanks be to God! We are a little behind in our CLC CBP giving. We have received \$24,376.75 of our \$55,000 (by June 30, 2025). We also received \$20,000 in Major Improvement and \$22,000 in Land Purchase giving as well. Land Purchase - The Prairie Ad Hoc committee reported that Joe Holtmeier submitted an offer for the purchase of the 10 acres next to the cemetery of \$100,000 down, with either 1) an additional \$200,000 after 10 years or 2) \$500,000 of site work at a new Immanuel location. We have about 2,000

spaces left in our current cemetery property. This will be discussed more at the February meeting. Board Dissolution - The Board of Finance was released from duty due to the reorganization of the Council / Officers. They were thanked for their work. Church Logo - A new church logo has been worked on by the Outreach Committee and shared with the school and boards. This was not an effort to completely change our logo, but to "refresh" it and bring unity between the church and school, which have often used different logos. It incorporates the style of the shield and familiar design of the past logo, but with slightly different font and a darker color. The voters approved the Council's motion to adopt the Logo concept. The meeting was recessed until February 3, 2025 at 7pm.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Ms. Blair Sydow has **received and accepted** the call to continue serving as the full time upper grade teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Palangyos had several new opportunities to preach the Good News as part of the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) December outreach program. The Christmas outreach was conducted both in rural and urban areas. Missionary Ohlmann will spend ten days in the Philippines working with Pastor Palangyos and the LAMP in late January and early February. Plans include visiting an independent Lutheran congregation with no pastor in a mountain village. Ask the Lord to strengthen the faith of His children of the LAMP and to fill them with zeal to spread the Gospel. And ask for our Savior to bless the outreach efforts of the LAMP so that many more may join us in repenting of our sins and rejoicing in our forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to church@lmmanuelMankato.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 Joe Naumann

DEACON Enter/Schreyer

ORGANIST Lane Fischer

SCREEN Furst/ Schmitt

FLOWERS Debra Mayhew

HEAD USHER Ben Busse ASST USHER Michael Wheaton

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

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann DEACON Schreyer/Friedrichs

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer SCREEN

FLOWERS Vivan Hanel

HEAD USHER Kyle Hulke

ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs

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

COMMUNION SET UP Williams/ Hoffman/ Theneman

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