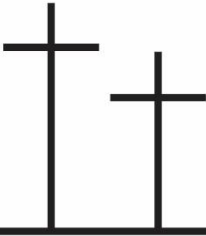




Of this **salvation**
the prophets have inquired
and searched carefully,
who prophesied of the **grace**
that would come to you.

1 Peter 1:10



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



4th Weekend in the Season of

Lent

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Invocation

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

Congregation (C): *(spoken)* Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *WS 758 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity. *Psalm 32:1-2*

P: Let us confess our sins to the LORD.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, LORD! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 53:6

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection

from the grave. We have peace with God, now and forever.

Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 5:1

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

This hymn of praise is based on the words of the angels to the shepherds the day of our Savior's birth. Because Lent is a time of repentance over sin in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, this hymn of praise is often removed from our worship services during the season of Lent. This joyful hymn will reappear on Easter and, Lord willing, with us having a greater appreciation of it after its absence from our worship!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. **3** He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **4** Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. **8** He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was

stricken. **9** And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. **10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. **11** He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

P: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:10-16

P: For my life is spent with grief, And my years with sighing;

C: My strength fails because of my iniquity, And my bones waste away.

P: I am a reproach among all my enemies, But especially among my neighbors, And am repulsive to my acquaintances;

C: Those who see me outside flee from me.

P: For I hear the slander of many; Fear is on every side;

C: While they take counsel together against me, They scheme to take away my life.

P: But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;

C: I say, “You are my God.”

P: My times are in Your hand;

C: Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me.

P: Make Your face shine upon Your servant;

C: Save me for Your mercies’ sake.

Ensemble

“Is He Worthy?”

Second Reading

Matthew 8:14-17

14 Now when Jesus had come into Peter’s house, He saw his wife’s mother lying sick with a fever. **15** So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. **16** When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, **17** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.”

Response to the Word

TLH 15:2

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♪ **Eternal all Your mercies, LORD,
Eternal truth attends Your Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Psalm 117

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.**

Hymn of the Day TLH 151:1,6,7 “Christ the Life of All the Living”

Sermon

1 Peter 1:10-16

10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. **13** Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; **15** but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

A Concise Summary of Christianity

1. Prophetic – Testifying to Jesus, the Christ
2. Transformative – Revealing Hope’s Result

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

TLH 50:2

**C: ♪ Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel’s joyful sound;
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found!**

Colossians 1:3-6

Sermon Hymn

WS 759 “These Are the Facts”

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

CW21 748

**C: ♪ By His mercy, by His bounty,
By the gift of Christ, His Son,
What great goodness He has shown us,
What high marvels He has done!
Let us to Him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that His love protects us,
That His wisdom all controls.**

Romans 12:1,11

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!

Share the Peace

Closing Hymn *TLH 243:1,3,5 "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"*

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LAST WEEK

<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (MAR 22-26 REPORTED) Budgetary \$10,475.21 Current Expenses</p> <p>Non-Budgetary \$530 ILS Student Aid \$250 Land Purchase \$45 Benevolent \$12 New Equipment \$ 50 ILS Designated \$2,219 Lenten Offerings</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION \$455 CLC General Budget (CBP) \$4 CLC Kinship</p> <p>Memorials In Loving Memory of Kurt Karstens \$ 100 Land Purchase</p>
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Saturday Worship 3/22: **74**
 Saturday Bible Class: **12**
 Saturday School: **3**
 Lenten Service 3/26 2pm: **182**

Sunday Worship 3/23: **298**
 Sunday Bible Class: **63**
 Sunday School: **10**
 Lenten Service 3/26 6pm: **68**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Mondays	Worship	13
Evening Ambassadors	Yes	7:00 PM	Monday	Study	13
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	22
Women's Study Guild	Yes	6:30 PM	3 rd Tuesday	Study	9
Laurel's Edge/Street	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	4
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Walnut Tower	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	5
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	29
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	4
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	4
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					118
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Mar 29	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Mar 30	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	11:00a	Anchored in Hope: Grief & Loss Meeting Blessings on your week!
Mon Mar 31		
Tues April 1	7:00p	Outreach Meeting
Wed April 2	2:00p	Lent Service
	5:00p	Women's Bible Study
	5:00p	Confirmation Class- 8 th Graders Only
	6:00p	Lent Service
Thur April 3	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri April 4	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study - Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat April 5	9:00a	Church Work Day
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun April 6	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Work Day- April 5th

Cemetery Clean Up Day- April 12th

Easter Egg Hunt- April 19th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS The Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, tulips and lilies are available. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You may take your plant/plants home after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service. Both the lilies and the tulips will be \$16 dollars each.

CHURCH WORKDAY will begin at 9:00am on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**. Everyone is welcome to come and help for as much or as little as they are able. Cleaning lists will be available in the narthex, basement, and the back-office entrance. We will also be performing regular maintenance on a few things in the facility. We have cleaning supplies, but if you prefer to bring your own, feel free. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. If you can't make it that day, we will compile a list of jobs that can be completed individually later. Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION NEXT WEEKEND Next weekend we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in our worship service. Communicants, please take a minute to announce your intention to receive the Lord's Supper by signing a communion register, either in the narthex or the back entry of the church. This helps us with record keeping, helps us to know how many communicants to prepare for, and serves as a reminder for us to examine ourselves in preparation for receiving the Sacrament.

The Apostle Paul reminds us of the importance of personal preparation for the Lord's Supper saying: ***"Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).*** We encourage those who plan to receive the Lord's Supper next weekend to make use of Luther's Christian Questions, which can be found in your Small Catechism. The following excerpt from the CLC's "A Statement of Faith and Purpose" reminds us why we celebrate the Lord's Supper, how we celebrate the Lord's Supper, and who should be offered the Lord's Supper. It states:

"We seek to administer the Sacrament of the Altar to those only for whom it was intended, namely, to penitent sinners who desire to confess and live according to God's Word. We therefore practice what is known as closed communion, with attendance at the Lord's Table restricted to such who have properly signified their intention to commune and are able to examine themselves. In observing these procedures, we indicate our respect for the Holy Supper as a precious gift for our souls, worthy of frequent and sanctified use by all communicants. In this we are governed by the inspired counsel of the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24."

May the Lord, who has given His Church this Sacrament bless those who receive His Sacrament in true repentance and with confidence in Him!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY Pilgrims Rest Cemetery cleanup day is scheduled for April 12 this year. If the weather is uncooperative, we will move to April 26th. Volunteers are needed to assist the cemetery board with raking leaves, picking up fallen sticks/branches, picking up trash, leveling flat stones, edging flat stones, and other tasks. The start time will be 9 am with lunch being provided around 11:00 am and wrapping up the day around 1-2 PM. Please bring gloves and a rake, if you have them. If you have any questions please reach out to Tony Harris (anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com) or Scott Kruse (skruse97@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew

DEACON Mac Friedrichs

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

SCREEN Furst/Lien

USHERS Councilmen

Serving us Midweek

PASTOR George Dumann

DEACON Olmanson/Friedrichs

ORGANIST Fischer/Mayhew

SCREEN Lien/

USHERS Councilmen

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joel Enter

ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

SCREEN

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 Stratton, Hoffman & Hagen

COMMUNION DISTIRUTION Stratton, Bade, Roettger, Heller