

Mission Festival

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Organist Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 767 *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 44:1-6

“Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant,
And Israel whom I have chosen.
Thus says the Lord who made you
And formed you from the womb, *who* will help you:
‘Fear not, O Jacob My servant;
And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,
And floods on the dry ground;
I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
And My blessing on your offspring;
They will spring up among the grass
Like willows by the watercourses.’
One will say, ‘I *am* the Lord’s’;
Another will call *himself* by the name of Jacob;
Another will write *with* his hand, ‘The Lord’s,’
And name *himself* by the name of Israel.
“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
‘I *am* the First and I *am* the Last;
Besides Me *there is* no God.

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 10:19-25 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hymn 296 *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

Sermon Luke 7:37-38 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

Water In, Water Out

1. Jesus Provides Life-Giving Water to Our Thirsty Souls
2. Jesus Calls Us to Share That Life-Giving Water with Others

The Offering

Hymn 149 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 277 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

THANK YOU We thank Pastor Joe Naumann for his Gospel message and encouragement this morning. Pastor Nauman serves at Immanuel, Mankato and was elected as our synod's Vice President during this summer's convention. He and his wife Rachel have four children.

DINNER All are invited to stay for the potluck meal that will follow the service.

HOSPITALIZED Bill Eigenberg is currently a patient in the Worthington Hospital. Please remember him and Carolyn in your prayers.

STUDENT TEACHER We welcome Mrs. Suraya Strike into our midst, not just as a family visitor, but also as an education student from ILC. Each of the students in the Education Program at Immanuel is required to fulfill two sets of practice teaching during their senior year of college: once during the beginning of the school year, and the other during the third quarter.

We pray that she will benefit from her time here and gain experience in the running of a classroom, teaching a variety of subjects and levels, and seeing firsthand the challenges and joys of teaching. Suraya will be here until the end of September and join us again after the Christmas break. We thank the Lord for the opportunity for her to share her gifts with our children.

CALL LETTER The letter from Pastor Rodebaugh indicating his acceptance of our pastoral call is posted in the basement. We thank the Lord for His

blessing. May He also fill the vacancy that Pastor Rodebaugh will leave behind in Ballwin, MO.

BOOKS There are a number of books that are being culled from the church library. Some are duplicates and some are simply outdated or are never checked out. Take a look at the tables in the basement and help yourself to whatever catches your interest.

SCREEN The CLC Teachers' Conference will be held here the 3rd week in October. It would be helpful to have a projector screen that could be set up in the front of church. If anyone has a screen they'd be willing to share, please see Lana Strike.

CLC NEWS Pastor Zach Sippert, Bowdle, SD has accepted the call to Sleepy Eye. Pastor Drew Naumann, Spokane, WA has the call to Mountain View, CA. St. Stephen-West (Mountain View) and East Bay (Hayward) are effectively now a combined congregation. Pastor Timothy Wheaton, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement at the end of September. He was recently diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable stage-4 thyroid cancer. Your prayers for Pastor Wheaton and his family would be most appropriate and welcomed.

MANUP! Register today for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$150, which includes meals and lodging. See Phil Strike for more information.

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USHERS 09/08 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
09/15 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
09/22 Kendall B., Larry B.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) The Voits
The Ruthenbecks