

February 11, 2024

A large, soft-focus illustration in the background shows a person in a white robe (Jesus) reaching out with their right hand towards a person lying on the ground. The person on the ground is wearing a white garment and has their head bowed. The scene is rendered in a painterly style with soft colors and visible brushstrokes.

Jesus,  
son of David,  
have mercy  
on me!

Luke 18:38



**MT. ZION**

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# Quinquagesima Sunday

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 535 *How Wide the Love of Christ*

**1** *How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race  
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace.*

**2** *How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease  
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.*

**3** *How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars,  
And yet upon our passing lives Unmeasured mercy pours.*

**4** *How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!  
He bears within His wounded hands All human pain and loss.*

**5** *All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height,  
Whose length and breadth fill time and space With endless life and light!*

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**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.

**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!

**C** Amen!

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You  
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At  
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the  
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -  
God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it wor-shipped and a - dored, With all the  
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 35:3-7*

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 146*

**P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**P** Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**C** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**C** Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

**P** Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C** The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**P** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

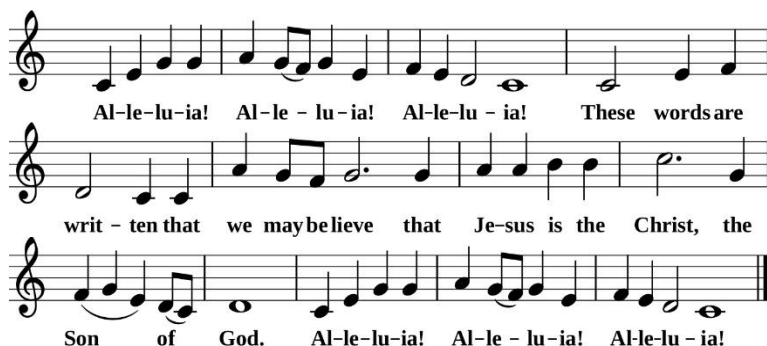
**C** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!



## Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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



## The Apostles' Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** 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 849 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

***1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.***

***2. Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the one who drove out demons With a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.***

***3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.***

### **The Sermon: Luke 18:31-43 (EHV)**

He took the Twelve aside and said to them, “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> Indeed, he will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, mistreat him, spit on him, <sup>33</sup> flog him, and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again.” <sup>34</sup> They did not understand any of these things. What he said was hidden from them, and they did not understand what was said. <sup>35</sup> As he approached Jericho, a blind man sat by the road, begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. <sup>38</sup> He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup> Those who were at the front of the crowd rebuked him, telling him to be quiet. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, I want to see again.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you.” <sup>43</sup> Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw this, gave praise to God.

### **Theme: NOT-SO-BLIND BARTIMAEUS**

I. It's easy to lose sight of God's plans and objectives.

II. But faith lets us see the Savior's great mercy.

## The Offertory

*Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



## Hymn 570 *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

**1** *Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**2** *Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**3** *Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**4** *Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**5** *Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**6** *Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

**(788:1): 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.**

## Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

- C** 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.

## The Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.*

**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 the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God

*The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.*



## Distribution of the Sacrament

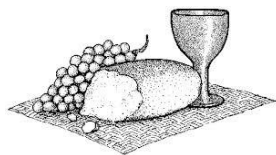
### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**1 Corinthians 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

**1 Corinthians 11:26-30** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."



## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

*The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)*

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the  
 peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -  
 grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly  
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er  
 hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through  
 cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

*We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.*



My heart has now be come Your dwelling, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-  
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in  
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your  
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 848:3 *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

***3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making know the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.***

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## *Worship at Mt. Zion*

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God! (Acts 2:11)

The Bible teaches that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God” (Romans 10:17). God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

**MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS DATE CHANGE:** The monthly church meetings have been moved from this week to next Tuesday, February 20 from 7-9pm.

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES:** The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We are holding 6 midweek services every Wednesday of Lent at 7pm. Our theme this year is *Three Words of Truth*. Each sermon will focus on a well-known three-word phrase from the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion. The pulpit exchange schedule is below. We hope you can join us!

Date	Preacher	Sermon Text & Theme
Feb. 14	Pastor Tom Naumann	John 13:31-35 <i>Love One Another</i>
Feb. 21	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	Matt. 26:35-41 <i>Watch and Pray</i>
Feb. 28	Pastor Mike Wilke	Matt. 26:20-25 <i>Is it I?</i>
Mar. 6	Pastor Tom Naumann	John 19:14-18 <i>Take Him Away!</i>
Mar. 13	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	John 18:33-40 <i>What is Truth?</i>
Mar. 20	Pastor Mike Wilke	John 18:3-9 <i>I Am He</i>

## **MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

Wed. 2/14	7pm	Ash Wednesday Midweek Service
Fri. 2/16	3pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Sun. 2/18	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
Tue. 2/20	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Thu. 3/28	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. 3/29	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. 3/31	10am	Easter Brunch (Men cook)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service

## **SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Ben Mueller    Church Cleaning: Ryans

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Last Sunday Attendance = 28    Bible Class/Sunday School = 18

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$11,925.00	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$2384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$7569.00	Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$1970.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$756.90
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$114.976.99

### **IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Kuwait. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, is battling cancer. **Susan Fobear's** dad, Don Nagy, is in hospice care. The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby girl in April. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma cancer. **Kate Sauers**, wife of CLC pastor Rob Sauers, is being treated for lymphoma cancer.

### **CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross School in Phoenix, AZ **has returned the call** from Gethsemane School in Saginaw, MI. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Zion in Hidewood and Trinity in Watertown, SD **is still considering** the calls from Calvary of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's of Iron River, MI. <> Teacher Amy Osbourne of Holy Trinity School, West Columbia, SC, **is still considering the call** to Faith School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane School, Spokane, WA, **has been called** to Messiah School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Grace of Valentine, NE **has called** Noah Ohlmann to be their fourth full-time teacher (teaching the lower grades) beginning in January 2025 after his December 2024 graduation. Noah **has accepted this call**. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel in Mankato, MN, **has been called** by Messiah in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th-6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea in Inver Grove Heights, MN **has been called** to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring.

**ILC DORM SUPERVISORS:** After serving as dorm supervisors, both Paul and Courtney Agenten plan on resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the LORD and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2024-25 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu) > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 1.

**ARTS CAMP 2024** registration is open! Camp is March 22-24 at Immanuel Mankato for students 5th-8th grade. Visit <https://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/> for more information and to register! You can also find the registration link on our Facebook page, Immanuel Arts Camp. Registration closes March 11th. Email Amber at [artscamp@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:artscamp@immanuelmankato.org) with any questions.