

-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-

Communion Invitation - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons/children not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and may receive a blessing from the pastor: they will also be offered a fish-shaped cracker. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. White grape juice is available, in the center of the tray, for those who prefer it. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please indicate to the pastor or assistant during communion if you prefer!

Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Blessing

*Sending Hymn #310 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"
(Red) (v.1, 3, 4)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant Chuck Stranberg
Lector Veda Stockland
Acolyte Kobe Holtz

Financial Report

Total Offering (December 24, 2013) **\$5950.00**
Total Offering (December 29, 2013) **\$427.00**
Total Attendance (December 24, 2013) (4:30 p.m.) **105**
Total Attendance (December 24, 2013)(11:00 p.m.) **41**
Total Attendance (December 29, 2013) **34**
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal **\$14,095.00**
Exceeded December Financial Commitments By **\$5490.00**

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve

January 5th, 2014 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn #301 "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"
(Red) (v. 1, 5, 6)

*Greeting & KyriePg.184

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and

they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

PsalmPsalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
- ² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
- ³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- ⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
- ¹¹ May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
- ¹² **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**
- ¹³ He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God**

Children's Message

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 188 (Red)

Holy GospelMatthew 2:1-12

*P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 2nd chapter

*C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord

*C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day . . #308 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"
(Red) (1, 3, 4)

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

*Apostle's CreedPg. 105 (Red)
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*Offertory#182 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel!

We invite visitors to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today, and hope you will be back to worship with us again. If you would like more information about Immanuel, contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship.

Camper Book Sale - Our book area has a new look. Browse through the bookcases, there are books for all ages. Price is the same, only \$1 for hardcover and \$0.50 for paperback. Thanks for supporting Immanuel's campers!

Email Addresses - We are still looking for email addresses. We use the addresses to send out various church info and reminders. Please leave a note with your email address or send a message to imman@frontiernet.net

20/20 Club - Congratulations to these Sunday School youth who have reached the 5/5 level in the 20/20 Club: Blake Bolton, Hailey Saue, Hanah Gomez & Taylor Frericks. And reaching the 10/10 level: Gavin Garcia. PreK-6th graders, keep filling out your 20/20 cards and putting them in the offering plate to record your attendance.

Family Game Night - Join us Sunday, January 12 from 5-7 p.m. for supper, games, prizes, and faith-filled fun for the whole family. All ages welcome.

You may have noticed these words in front of the sanctuary
"Helighet hofves ditt hus, Herre"
 What do they mean? This is Swedish for
"Holiness becometh thy house O' Lord" Psalm 93:5

This Week At Immanuel

Today - Sunday, January 5

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation Resumes
 11:30 a.m.Christian Education Meets

Monday, January 6Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, January 7

10:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 p.m.Council Meets
 7:00 p.m.Choir Practice

Thursday, January 9

9:00 a.m.Women's Bible Study@Peaceful Thymes

Next Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m.Worship
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.WELCA Meets
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation
 2:00 p.m.Piano Recital by Students of Mary Benson
 5-7p.m.Family Game Night

Remembering in Our Prayers

James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan
 Danny Herdina-healing
 Lynne Grahn- recovering from back surgery
 Bob Kirk-continued healing
 Elaine Wothe-continued healing
 Darlene Kirk- continued healing
 Linda Burns-continued healing
 Bill Hutchinson-on Hospice
 All Immanuel Shut Ins

(People will only be listed with their permission. Please contact Pastor Christa if you would like to be listed in Immanuel prayers.)