

Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

**-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-**

Blessing

\*Sending Hymn . . . . . #551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"  
(Red)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

***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.)*

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

**Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant . . . . .Melissa Rossell

Lector . . . . .Jolene Garberich

Acolyte . . . . .Kiara Rosenquist

**Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN**

**SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve**

February 2nd, 2014 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

\* indicates the items projected up front

**-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-**

Welcome & Announcements

\*Opening Hymn . . . . . #720 "We Are Called" (Red)

\*Greeting & Kyrie . . . . .Pg.184

**-WE PRAISE GOD-**

\*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**-GOD SPEAKS TO US-**

First Lesson (read responsively) . . . . .Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> **Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> **For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.**

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup> **"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- 8 **He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

Second Lesson ..... I Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord  
 C: **Thanks Be to God**

Children's Message

- \*Gospel Acclamation .....Pg. 188 (Red)  
 Holy Gospel .....Matthew 5:1-12  
 \*P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter  
 \*C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- \*P: The Gospel of the Lord  
 \*C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon

- \*Hymn of The Day ..... #728 "Blest Are They" (Red) (V. 1-3)

**-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

- \*Apostle's Creed .....Pg. 105 (Red)  
 Sharing of the Peace

Offering

- \*Offertory ..... #182 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

**-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!*

**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 Bible 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

**Thank You** - to all those who helped with the Camper Brunch last week.

**Confirmation Conferences** - Parent/Student conferences will be held February 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign-up with Pastor Christa or in the church office for a half-hour conference with her about confirmation.

**Love Offering** - Join us February 9 at our 9 a.m. worship for a special musical event! We are happy to have the Crow Creek Gospel Band lead our morning worship. Our WELCA group has arranged for them to be here for the annual Love Offering. All WELCA women are encouraged to bring their Love Offerings February 9.

**Lion's Waffle Brunch** - today at the Atwater Community Center from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. the Lion's is holding their annual Waffle Brunch and Preschool Bake Sale. \$6.50 per person, Children under 5 eat free. Proceeds benefit the "Cash for Kids" scholarship program which provides scholarships for ACGC Preschool students

**Equipping Congregation Day** - Immanuel is registered to participate in the SVN MN Synod's Equipping Congregations Day. We have room for 25+ folks to go. Sign-up @ Pastor Christa's office for a great faith-building day. Meet at Immanuel at 8 a.m. We will be back by 4 p.m. No cost! Come for all day or 1/2 a day. Join us! There are sessions for teens and adults of all ages. See Pastor Christa for details.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** - Thrivent families: remember to dedicate your Thrivent Choice dollars to a charity of your choosing. If you have not directed your funds by the end of March your Choice dollars will go back to Thrivent to be given as Thrivent chooses. To dedicate your Choice dollars call Thrivent at 1-800-

**This Week At Immanuel**

**Today - Sunday, February 2**

9:00 a.m. ....Worship/Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. ....Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. ....Sunday School/Confirmation

**Monday, February 3** .....Pastor Christa's Sabbath

**Tuesday, February 4**

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

**Wednesday, February 5**

6-9 p.m. ....Confirmation Parent/Student Conferences  
7:00 p.m. ....Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 6**

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

**Next Sunday, February 9**

9:00 a.m. ....Worship/Love Offering  
**Crow Creek Gospel Band**  
10:00 a.m. ....Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. ....Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. ....Confirmation Parent Day (in Sanctuary)

**Financial Report**

Total Offering (January 26, 2014) ..... **\$887.00**  
Total Attendance (January 26, 2014) ..... **58**  
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal ..... **\$14,807.00**  
Needed to Meet January Financial Commitments ..... **\$6,450.00**