

Prayers of the Church
P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer Sung by Nathaniel Anderson

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Blessing
*Sending Hymn #661 "I Love to Tell the Story" (Red)

Dismissal
Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

This Week At Immanuel

Today - Sunday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Confirmation
11:30 a.m. Faith In Action Meets

Monday, February 17 Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 22

8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Equipping Congregation Day in Willmar

Next Sunday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
Camp Sunday Celebration
10:00 a.m. Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Confirmation
2-6 p.m. Lakeland Conference Assembly

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To serve

February 16th 2014 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Pastor Christa Forsythe All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Hymn #582 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (Red)
Confession & Forgiveness Pg. 94

*Greeting & Kyrie Pg.184

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20
¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm (read responsively)Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

² **Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

³ who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴ **You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ **Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷ I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸ **I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God**

Children’s Message

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 188 (Red)

Holy GospelMatthew 5:13-17; 21-37

*P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter

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

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.'

²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before

the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and who ever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day#802 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”
(Red)(V. 1, 3-4)

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

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

OfferingSpecial Music by the Starz Family

*Offertory#185 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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.

Thank You to the Starz family for their special music this morning!

90th Birthday Celebration - Join us today for cake and coffee, during Fellowship time, to celebrate the 90th birthdays of Betty Stranberg and Shirley Walsh.

Friendship Supper - The Women of Bethlehem invite the ladies of Immanuel to a "Friendship" supper on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This event will host visitors from our companion synod in Africa. Please RSVP by February 18th to 320-974-8519 or blc312@gmail.com and indicate if a ride is needed.

WELCA Quilters are in need of gently use sheets, all sizes need for quilt backing. Thanks!

LAHBNP - On Monday, February 17th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. the Living At Home Block Nurse Program will hold their annual Presidents' Pie and Coffee and Bake Sale at the Atwater Community Center. Take outs will be available. Pie and Coffee will be a free will donation. Bake sale will have home baked pies and a variety of other baked goods. Join your friends and neighbors and help support the LAHBNP.

Equipping Congregation Day - Immanuel is registered to participate in the SW MN Synod's Equipping Congregations Day. We have room for 25+ folks to go. Sign-up in the Narthex 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 1-800-847-4836 just say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

"Traveling Light" - A "guide" book to Psalm 23. We will be covering Psalm 23 during our Lenten Worship Services. If you would like the book "Traveling Light" ordered for you, please sign up by February 26 on the sheet in the narthex.

South African Visitors - March 1st and 2nd, our sister synod in South Africa has guests who will visit us in worship on March 2nd. Interested in one host home for Dean Ntenga on March 1st. Contact Pastor Christa if interested in hosting.

7th - 12th Grade Ski Trip - March 7th - 9th join us for faith-filled fun in God's creation @ Giants Ridge. Beginners welcome! Cost is \$75, sign up by March 2nd

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

Financial Report

Total Offering (February 9, 2014) **\$1780.00**
Total Attendance (February 9, 2014) **103**
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal **\$14,807.00**
Needed to Meet February Financial Commitments .. **\$10,955.00**

Worship Assistants

Acolyte Taylor Bolton
Lector Peggy Starz

Remembering in Our Prayers

James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan
Chet Johnson - hospitalized at Rice Memorial
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.)