

Worship Assistants

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Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To serve

March 16th 2014 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements

- *Gathering Hymn #660 "Lift High the Cross" (Red (v -1-3))
- Confession & ForgivenessPg. 10 (Blue)
- *Greeting & KyriePg.28 (Blue)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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-

Psalm (read responsively)Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God**

Remembering in Our Prayers

James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan
 John Holm-healing
 Chet Johnson-healing
 Danny Herdina-healing
 Bob Kirk-continued healing
 Elaine Wothe-continued healing
 Darlene Kirk- continued healing
 Linda Burns-continued healing
 Bill Hutchinson-on Hospice
 All Immanuel Shut Ins

Grieving

The Family of Vicky Mueller

(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

Financial Report

Total Offering (March 9, 2014) **\$1121.00**
 Total Attendance (March 9, 2014) **68**
 Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal **\$14,807.00**
 Needed to Meet March Financial Commitments **\$11,094.00**

Children's Message

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 142 (Red)

Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

*P: The Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day "My Song Is Love Unknown"
(v 1, 2 & 4)

My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?

love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know.
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and

flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend?
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry,
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

*Apostle's CreedPg. 33 (Blue)
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*OffertoryPg. 50 (Blue) (Lent to Pentecost)

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Blessing

*Sending Hymn #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation" (Red)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

20/20 Club - Congratulations to these Sunday School youth who have reached the 20/20 level in the 20/20 Club: Kincade, Mia, & Quinn Eisenbacher. PreK-6th graders, keep filling out your 20/20 cards and putting them in the offering plate to record your attendance.

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

Food Share Month - March is Food Share Month! Bring in non-perishable food items during March to help fill the grocery cart.

Confirmation Class - Remember, you will be meeting with your mentors during Lent after Wednesday services. For details, check with Pastor Christa.

Breakfast Fundraiser - The Cosmos Space Festival Committee will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 16th at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Menu includes: waffles (with strawberries, blueberries, and cool-whip), scrambled eggs, ham, fresh fruit, milk, orange juice, apple juice, and coffee. Adults \$8, Kids \$5, & kids under 3 eat free.

Ham Dinner - Church of St. Patrick in Kandiyohi is hosting it's annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner and Raffle on Sunday, March 16, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$9 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 6-10 and \$1.50 for children 5 and under. There will also be a raffle, country store, Irish music and games for the children.

Volunteers Needed - we are looking for some people to refill the children's church activity bags each week. If you are able to do this please leave your name in the office.

Health Fair - On March 25, the LAHBNP will be holding its annual Health Fair 10:30 am -1:00 pm at the Atwater Community Center. Stop in to visit with various health vendors and enjoy a light lunch of fruit, cheese and cracker and muffins. Cholesterol checks will again be offered at a reduced rate. Many vendors have information and a "freebie" for you to take with you. Stop in and take a look. Everyone is welcome.

This Week At Immanuel

Today - March 16

9:00 a.m.Worship
10:00 a.m.Fellowship/WELCA Meets
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/ Confirmation
10:45 a.m.Lenten Book Discussion
11:30 a.m.Council Meets
2:00 p.m.1st Communion Instruction

Monday, March 17Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, March 18

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.Pastors' Text Study
9:15 p.m. -10:00 p.m.Online Lenten Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 19

5:30 p.m.Lenten Supper@Bethlehem
6:30 p.m.Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.Lenten Worship @Bethlehem

Thursday, March 20

5:00 p.m.1st Communion Instruction

Next Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m.Worship/ Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/ Confirmation
10:45 a.m.Lenten Book Discussion
11:30 a.m.Faith In Action Meets