

Sermon

\*Hymn of The Day . . . # 807 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

\*Apostle’s Creed . . . . .Pg. 33 (Blue)  
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

\*Offertory . . . . .Pg. 50 (Blue) (*Lent to Pentecost*)

**-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!*

Word of Institution

\*The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

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

Blessing

\*Sending Hymn . . . . . #623 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (Red)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant . . . . .Dennis Goehring  
Lector . . . . .Veda Stockland  
Acolyte . . . . .Jaylen Rossell

**Financial Report**

Total Offering (*March 12 & 16, 2014*) . . . . . **\$3707.00**  
Total Attendance (*March 12 & 16, 2014*) . . . . . **82 & 78**  
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal . . . . . **\$14,807.00**  
Needed to Meet March Financial Commitments . . . . . **\$7387.00**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN**

**SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve**

March 23rd 2014 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

\* indicates the items projected up front

**-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-**

Welcome & Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn . . . . . #335 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”  
(Red (v 1,3,4))

Confession & Forgiveness . . . . .Pg. 10 (Blue)

\*Greeting & Kyrie . . . . .Pg.28 (Blue)

**-WE PRAISE GOD-**

\*Prayer of the Day - *Read in Unison*

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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-**

Psalms (*read responsively*) . . . . .Psalm 95

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God**

Children's Message

\*Gospel Acclamation . . . . .Pg. 142 (Red)

Holy Gospel . . . . .John 4:5-42

\*P: The Gospel according to John the 4th chapter

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

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What

you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

\*P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**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 15/15 level in the 20/20 Club: Kim Garcia. 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.

**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.

**Lenten Service Project** - We are collecting items to pack Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The Rugged Cross in the Narthex has tags hanging on it with various items that we need. Pick up a tag of an item you could provide, purchase the item, and bring it back to Immanuel by April 13. Our Confirmation class will be assembling the kits. There are several single items needed, or you can choose to provide a complete kit, or money to help cover the shipping costs. An informational flyer is also available at the foot of the cross. We would love to be able to provide 30 kits!

**Remembering in Our Prayers**

James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan  
Taylor Frericks-healing  
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**

Family of Vicky Mueller  
Family Bryon Schroeder

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

**This Week At Immanuel**

**Today - 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

**Monday, March 24** .....Pastor Christa's Sabbath

**Tuesday, March 25**

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 26**

9:00 a.m. ....Fold Outreach  
5:30 p.m. ....Lenten Supper@Immanuel  
6:30 p.m. ....Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. ....Lenten Worship @Immanuel

**Next Sunday, March 30**

9:00 a.m. ....Worship  
*Carpenter's Tools*  
10:00 a.m. ....Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. ....Sunday School/ Confirmation  
10:45 a.m. ....Lenten Book Discussion  
5-7 p.m. ....Family Game Night