

Remembering in Our Prayers

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
Melissa Rossell-healing Bill Hutchinson-on Hospice
All Immanuel Shut Ins
James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan

(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 - April 6

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

Monday, April 7Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

5:30 p.m.Lenten Supper @ Immanuel
6:15 p.m.Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.Lenten Worship @ Immanuel

Thursday, April 10

9:00 a.m.Women's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes
6:00 p.m.Worship & Music Team Meets
7:00 p.m.Altar Guild Meets

Saturday, April 12

9:00 a.m.Altar Guild Cleaning

Next Sunday, April 13 - Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
1st Communion - Sunday School Kids Sing & Lead Palm Procession
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/ Confirmation
10:45 a.m.Lenten Book Discussion

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve

April 6, 2014 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Hymn . #379 "Now the Green Blade Rises" v, 1-2,4 (Red)
Confession & ForgivenessPg. 10 (Blue)
Greeting & KyriePg.28 (Blue)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - *Read in Unison*

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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-

First ReadingEzekiel 37: 1-14
¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been

commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Psalm (*read responsively*)Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

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

Children's Message

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 142 (Red)

Card Playing - Cards will be held each Thursday in April starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Nutrition Site in the Atwater Community Center. Coffee and treats available for those playing cards.

20/20 Club - PreK-6th graders, keep filling out your 20/20 cards and putting them in the offering plate to record your attendance. Kids that reach the '20' mark will be recognized during worship in May.

ACGC Cheerleader Fundraiser - Meal at Atwater Community Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday, April 6. \$8/adults, \$6/kids, 3 & under eat free. Silent auction ends at 1:30 p.m.

Benefit for Sue (Bluhm) Whitcomb - April 26, 3-7 p.m., at the Atwater Community Center. Bake sale and silent auction (3-6:45 p.m.), live auction (5:30 p.m.), hamburger/hotdog supper. Sue was diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer January 22, 2014. Any donations towards the cost of the benefit, an item for the silent auction or bake sale, or help organizing or cleaning up afterwards would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help or have any questions, contact Missy Summerlet at 979-0628. Thanks!

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

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

Today's Worship Assistants

Communion AssistantJanet Rossell
 LectorChuck Stranberg
 AcolyteKobe Holtz

Financial Report

Total Offering (March 30, 2014) **\$1218.00**
 Total Offering (Lenten Services March 19 & 26, 2014) . . **\$1078.00**
 Total Attendance (March 26/March 30, 2014) **98/114**
 Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal **\$14,807.00**
 Needed to Meet March Financial Commitments **\$5738.00**

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. Join us for refreshments in the basement Fellowship Hall following worship.

Today is the LAST DAY to order Easter Memorial Flowers!

Thrivent Play is Tuesday, April 8, at the Barn Theater in Willmar. Free tickets available. See flyer on table outside church office.

Bible Campers/Families - Please bring 2 dozen cookies for the Lenten Supper Wednesday evening. Please plan to help serve/clean up, starting at 5:15 p.m. (This includes all Immanuel kids who have attended, or plan to attend, Bible Camps during the summer).

Volunteers Needed to refill the children's church activity bags each week. If interested, please leave your name in the office.

Lenten Service Project - Next Sunday is the deadline to return items for our Lenten Giving Cross. There are several single items needed, or you can choose to provide a complete kit for Lutheran World Relief, or money to help cover the shipping costs. We would love to be able to provide 30 kits!

Camper Book Sale - Books for all ages! \$1/hardcover & \$.50/paperback. Thanks for supporting Immanuel's Bible Campers!

Sunday School Kids should meet in the church basement next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. to get their palms and practice their song.

Meals at the Nutrition Site - The Atwater Nutrition Site has room for many more diners each day. Meals are nutritious and available for diabetic and fat restricted diets. Tickets for meals are available for purchase at the Atwater City Office and the LAHBNP office. The ticket price is a suggested donation of \$4 or whatever you can afford to pay. Meals must be reserved a day ahead by 12:30 pm. Delivery to your home is also available if you so choose. To reserve or to cancel a meal or to have a meal delivered to your home, call Sue Peterson at 320-262-1180."

Holy Gospel John 11: 1-45

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

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe

this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."
²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."
⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day #779 "Amazing Grace" v.1-4 (Red)

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

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

Offering
 *OffertoryPg. 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 may fold their hands & receive a blessing from the pastor: they will also be offered a fish-shaped cracker. Those communing may hold out their hand, palm up. White grape juice is available, in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available (please indicate to the pastor/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 #773 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Red)

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