

-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 . . . #890 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"(Red)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Remembering in Our Prayers

Dale Anderson-healing Taylor Frericks-healing
John Holm-healing Melissa Rossell-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 Dale Kragenbring-healing
All Immanuel Shut Ins
James & Carol Sack - 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.)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve

May 25 2014 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Hymn . . #888 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (Red)
Confession & ForgivenessPg. 211 (Red)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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-

Old Testament LessonActs 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him

we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm (*read responsively*)Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows?**
¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**
¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.
¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me

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

Children's MessageMystery Box

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 216 (Red)
Holy GospelJohn 14:15-21

*P: The Gospel according to John the 14th chapter

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

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day . . #781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"(Red)

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

*Apostle's CreedPg. 217 (Red)
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*Offertory "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat)
Give thanks...give thanks

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer**

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.

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

Vacation Bible School - Please return your registrations ASAP!

Mission Trip Fundraiser - Today will be the last day the youth will be selling Butter Braids! Don't miss your chance to support our youth's mission trip to Chicago! The cost of each frozen pastry is \$12, delivery in approximately two weeks. Place your orders and pay for previous orders with the youth in the narthex or during fellowship time.

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

Quilt Auction - Immanuel's annual silent quilt auction has been extended to June 1st. Quilts and bidding sheets are displayed in the narthex. Quilts make great graduation or wedding gifts! Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit Immanuel's bible campers.

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

Graduation Open Houses for Immanuel Graduates:

Lucas Damm- Saturday, May 24 from 2-5 p.m. at 15721 75th Ave. NE, Atwater

Katie Peterson- Sunday, May 25 from 1-5 p.m. at 53314 CSAH 22, Grove City

Jordan Nelson- Sunday, May 25 from 1-4 p.m. at 15403 120th Ave. SE, Lake Lillian

Hayden Krug- Saturday, June 14 from 4-7 p.m. at 613 S. 3rd St, Atwater

This Week At Immanuel

Today - Sunday, May 25

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.Fellowship

Monday, May 26Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 a.m.Fold Outreach
6:00 p.m.Confirmation End-of-Year Party

Thursday, May 29

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

Next Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.Fellowship

Financial Report

Total Offering (May 18, 2014) **\$1267.00**
Total Attendance (May 18, 2014) **120**
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal **\$14,807.00**
Needed to Meet May Financial Commitments **\$8403.00**

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 John Hagstrom
Lector Brent or Jolene Garberich
Acolyte Marie Chalupsky