

did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
^{13:6} But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ^{13:7} Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ^{13:8} Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ^{13:9} Let anyone with ears listen!" ^{13:18} "Hear then the parable of the sower. ^{13:19} When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ^{13:20} As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ^{13:21} yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ^{13:22} As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ^{13:23} But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Congregation Responds**"Praise to You, O Christ"**
 Hymn **#715 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (Blue)**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **#713 "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" (sung twice) (Blue)**

Response to the Word **Pg. 49 (Blue)**
 Confession & Forgiveness **Pg. 50 (Blue)**
 Sharing of the Peace **Pg. 50 (Blue)**

-PRAYER-

Offering
 Offertory **Pg. 50 - Season after Pentecost (Blue)**
 Offertory Prayer **Pg. 50 - Bottom, far right (Blue)**

The Prayers of the Church
 The Lord's Prayer **Pg. 52 (Blue)**

-SENDING-

Announcements
 Blessing **Pg. 53 (Blue)**
 Dismissal
 Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sending Song **#776 "Be Thou My Vision" (Blue)**
 Postlude

SAVED
By Grace,
CALLED
To Serve



All Members: Ministers

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

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| Ministers All Members | Worship Leaders Gerald & Jennifer Schwartz |
| Presiding Minister Daniel Belgum-Blad | Lector Bob Starz |
| Council President Bob Starz | Acolyte Shelby Schroeder |
| Organist Marion Kingery | Ushers ... Paul & Denise Hedberg, Lee & Deb Mickel |
| Secretary Janelle Eisenbacher | Greeters Greg & Kim Holm |
| Sextons Paul & Rolayne Beerman family | Coffee Servers Donn & Jan Peterson |
| Offering Counter Paul Hedberg | Roger & Robin Johnson |

ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.
As we worship, let God speak to us.
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

-GATHERING-

Hymn Sing (8:30-9:00 a.m.)

Welcome

Gathering Song **#763 “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” (Blue)**
Greeting **Pg. 46 - Season after Pentecost (Blue)**
Scripture Song **Pg. 47 (Blue)**

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-WORD-

First Lesson **Isaiah 55:10-13**

^{55:10} For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ^{55:11} so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ^{55:12} For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ^{55:13} Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: “The Word of the Lord.” **Congregation: “Thanks be to God.”**

Psalms (Read Responsively) **Psalms 65:1-13**

^{65:1} Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
^{65:2} **O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.**
^{65:3} When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
^{65:4} **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**
^{65:5} By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
^{65:6} **By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.**

^{65:7} You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
^{65:8} **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**
^{65:9} You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
^{65:10} **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**
^{65:11} You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
^{65:12} **The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**
^{65:13} the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, **they shout and sing together for joy.**

Second Lesson **Romans 8:1-11**

^{8:1} There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ^{8:2} For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ^{8:3} For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ^{8:4} so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ^{8:5} For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ^{8:6} To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ^{8:7} For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, ^{8:8} and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ^{8:9} But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ^{8:10} But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ^{8:11} If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: “The Word of the Lord.” **Congregation: “Thanks be to God.”**

Gospel Acclamation **Pg. 48 (Blue)**

Holy Gospel **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Congregation Responds **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

^{13:1} That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ^{13:2} Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ^{13:3} And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ^{13:4} And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ^{13:5} Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-July 13- 9th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study @ Bethlehem

Thursday 7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Bible Study @ Jimmy's

Next Sunday-July 20- 10th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship

Lutheran Men in Mission Golf Tournament August 4

The 14th Annual SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Best Ball/Scramble Golf Tournament is Monday, August 4, at the Redwood Falls Golf Club. Space is limited. Cost is \$40/golfer and registration deadline is July 28. More information is posted on Immanuel's bulletin board. Registration form for teams is available in the church office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., June 29, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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| Attendance | 100 |
| Regular Offering | \$1974.00 |
| Building Fund | \$55.00 |
| Pony Express | \$110.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2139.00 |

June Ministry Goal*\$14,990.20
 Needed (To Date) To Meet June Ministry Goal \$5049.60

Offering from Sun., July 6, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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| Attendance | 52 |
| Regular Offering | \$2952.00 |
| Building Fund | \$95.00 |
| Pony Express | \$10.00 |
| ELCA World Hunger | \$45.00 |
| Benevolence | \$25.00 |
| Synod Assembly Reimbursement | \$180.26 |
| TOTAL | \$3307.26 |

July Ministry Goal*\$14,990.20
 Needed (To Date) To Meet July Ministry Goal \$11,637.94

*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

Missionaries to Visit Beckville Lutheran July 16

ELCA Missionaries Pastor Joyce and Ian Graue will be at Beckville (Litchfield) on Wednesday, July 16. YOU are invited to a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. and a program following supper. They will tell us about their experiences as missionaries in the Central African Republic where they are presently serving. Everyone is welcome! They will have some items from the Central African Republic with them to sell and will use the proceeds to help those who have no money for medicine or hospital. Medical help/assistance is the most frequent request the Graue's get from those who show up on their doorstep. And since 2/3s of the population lives on less than \$1/day the money is just not there for medicine.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 downstairs following worship.

Thank You to Gerald and Jennifer Schwartz for leading our worship this morning.

Pastor Dan on Vacation through July 22. Please contact Pastor Joe Carpenter (Atwater United Methodist Church) if you have any pastoral needs during this time. Pastor Joe can be reached at 974-8526.

Special Music Group Next Sunday

A family singing ministry, The Chosen Ones, will be sharing their music at our worship service next Sunday, July 20. The Chosen Ones, from Manchester, IL blend together three generations of close family harmony as they present the Gospel in song. Dating back to 1974, The Chosen Ones have traveled across America sharing through the media of television, radio, and personal appearances. With their wide variety of Progressive Southern Gospel music, you will find the ministry of The Chosen Ones very encouraging to hearts of young and old alike.

Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip

Need an idea for an easy supper Tuesday, July 15? Stop by the Willmar Papa Murphy's Pizza that day and purchase your take-and-bake pizzas! A percentage of the day's sales will be donated to the 2008 Immanuel Youth Mission Trip. Thirteen youth and two or three adult leaders will be leaving for Idaho Thursday, July 24. These youth are also selling Papa Murphy's Pizza coupon cards. Contact a mission trip youth or Shane Hagstrom to purchase a card.

Evangelized and Evangelizing: Living in the Gospel

You and I are invited to read the Gospels together as a synod during the next twelve months. In July we will start with the Gospel of Matthew. (For those not familiar with the Bible, the Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament. And the word "gospel" means 'Good news'). There are blue colored papers on the table in the narthex/entry for you to pick up, as well as study questions on a separate sheet. The weekly study questions are also available online at <http://www.swmnelca.org/>. Then, together with others in our synod, we can read these letters/gospels. There is a daily reading list and brief comments/questions for each day. In August, we will start in on the Gospel of Mark.

Creation Care Team Training Workshop July 24

This training event will be July 24, from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m., at Eagle Lake Lutheran, Willmar. It is for any persons wanting to begin or who are already in the process of "greening" their congregations. Teams of 3-5 people are encouraged to attend. A \$20 registration fee covers a meal and a copy of the "Training Manual for the Green Congregation Program." To register, or for more information, visit www.lcppm.org.