

**Welcome to Worship at
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
STORY CITY, IOWA**

August 23, 2015

Mission Statement

Building Strong Relationships in Christ,
And Making Him Known to All



Life in Christ: Growing

**Ministers – All Members
Stephen Anenson, Senior Pastor
Kurt Jensen, Associate Pastor**

Zachary Bauknecht, Youth & Education Ministry Coordinator

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2015

We Prepare to Meet God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (vs.1-3,5) No. 63

Prayer

Time for Greeting

Announcements

Worship Song *"The Longer I Serve Him"* No. 520

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson - 1 Corinthians 3:5b-11

⁵ ... the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.

⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Second Lesson - Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

We Witness God's Saving Grace through Holy Baptism

Baptismal Hymn

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

No. 719

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see bulletin insert)

We Respond to God's Blessings

Offering

Offertory *"We Are An Offering"*

(on screen)

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed in Song and Word

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Chase Blagg

Sermon

"Life in Christ: Growing"

Pastor Anenson

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 389

We Receive God's Promise to Go with us into Daily Life

Prayers of Praise and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn

"More About Jesus"

(vs.1-3) No. 560

Postlude

Organist: Emily Anderson

Ushers: Cindy Blomberg, Cathy Braathun, John Rathmacher,
Lily Rathmacher

Greeters: Joel & Mary Danielson

Reader: Joel Danielson

Sound Engineer: Jim Oberender

Visitors: A special welcome to our guests today! We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel welcome in the Lord's house.

Thank you to Chase Blagg for providing the special music for our worship today. Chase is a great grandson of Sara Anderson.

Baptized today is Gilbert Andrew Christian, son of Erik & Alaina Christian. Gilbert's sponsors are Emily Meyer, Joe Baker, and Ryan & Stephanie Meyer. Please remember this new child of God and his family in your prayers.

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Social Hall following the worship service. This is a good time to get to know other members and guests a little better.

The pastors continue with their sermon series today entitled: "Life in Christ." The journey of life for a plant is very much like the journey of life for the Christian as God works to nourish our spirits each step of the way. We will look at the various ways God helps us mature in him. Sermon titles include:

"Rooted" – August 16

"Growing" – August 23

"Pruned" – August 30

"Bearing Fruit" – September 6

Please join us each week for this new series.

The flowers in the chancel area are from the funeral of Leonard Anderson held on Tuesday. Please continue to remember Sara and her family in your prayers.

Volunteers are needed to serve coffee fellowship on August 30 and for Sundays in September. At the present time, there are several openings for these Sundays. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Our annual hunger offering will go to help pay expenses for the "Meals from the Heartland" packaging event to be held in Story City on Saturday, September 26. The offering will take place on Sunday, September 6. Please make any checks out to Immanuel with a notation for World Hunger fund. Please remember that the loose change given each Sunday also goes to fight world hunger. Thanks to those of you who give to this fund all through the year.

Attendance last Sunday: 163

Offering last Sunday for storm repair costs at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe: \$459.00. Thank you.

Immanuel delivers the Home Delivered Meals during September. You may sign up to help deliver meals by filling out the form located on the welcome table in the narthex. Let the church office know by tomorrow when you can help. There are still several openings remaining: September 1, 3, 17, 23, 24, and 30. At the present time we could use an additional person to help on September 14, 18, 25 and 28. Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas Luncheon. On Saturday, December 5, we will host our second annual Christmas luncheon/bazaar. This is the weekend of the Story City Tour of Homes. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. We will be holding some informational meetings in the near future. We will also plan some craft nights. If you have any questions, please contact Jaynee Christian at jlchristian@hotmail.com.

Would you give just one morning of your time if you knew it would make a huge impact in the lives of many families in our community? Caring for children during a play date with MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a small investment that turns into big blessings for everyone. MOPs meets Thursdays from 9:15-11 A.M. at Harvest E-Free Church. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board if you would be willing to help with MOPs on a Thursday morning during the next year. If it is only 1 or 2 times, that's okay!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe is hosting a Guest Night Salad Supper on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 P.M. All women are invited to come and enjoy a delicious assorted salad supper and the special music of the Bell Choir from Fjeldberg Lutheran Church of Huxley. Please RSVP by September 4 to Our Savior's Church office at 515.899.2247. Please leave a message.

Reminders

- **A nursery** is available across from the restrooms on the main floor of the educational wing.
- **The Children's Activity Bulletins** are available from the ushers for young children.
- **The fall issue** of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional book is on the shelf in the narthex. The large print edition is there also.
- **Hearing devices** for those who have a difficult time hearing the service can be found on the shelf in the narthex. If you have been thinking of trying a unit, please ask an usher to assist you. We have several extra units at this time.
- **Please** honor the handicap signs and the pickup and drop off signs in the front of the church building. We have many members in need of a close parking spot. Thank you.
- **Additional** restrooms are available on the lower level of the educational wing and in the social hall.
- **Tune in** to the Immanuel Lutheran Radio Broadcast each Sunday morning at 8 A.M. on KASI Radio (AM 1430).



As a congregation, let's be in prayer for:

- Our local students, teachers, and administrators as they begin a new school year tomorrow.
- Cooper Leeman as he awaits a heart transplant.
- Rich Olive as he continues to receive chemotherapy.

We praise God for:

- Opportunities He gives us to grow in our relationship with Him.

Youth Activities

High School Youth Activities

Our next meeting - Will be Rally Sunday on September 13th!

Middle School Youth Activities

Our next meeting - Will be Rally Sunday on September 13th!

Middle and High School Youth

Blessings on your new school year! Look for ways to represent Christ wherever you go!

If you want to Grow in Christ:

- Kneel before the Lord for strength (prayer)
- Stand before Him to praise His name (worship)
- Sit before Him for His loving counsel (read God's Word)





August 23 - 30, 2015
Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel

Wednesday, September 2

Junior Choir (2nd-6th Graders) Rehearsals Begin - 6:30 P.M. in the chapel

Trinity Class Orientation for 6th Graders and their parents - 7 P.M. in the Social Hall

Confirmation Class Orientation for 8th & 9th graders and their parents - 7:30 P.M. in the Social Hall

Wednesday, September 9

Junior Choir (2nd-6th Graders) Rehearsal - 6:30 P.M. in the chapel

Pizza Supper for 6th-9th Graders - 6:30 P.M. in the Social Hall

Trinity Class begins for 6th & 7th Graders - 6:45 P.M. in the Cornerstone Room

Confirmation Class for 8th & 9th graders - 6:45 P.M. in the Social Hall

Senior Choir (High School and Adults) Rehearsals Begin - 7:15 P.M. in the sanctuary

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Sunday

Sunday School Classes Begin - Kingdom Kids (ages 3 year olds - 1st grade) report to classrooms on lower level to meet teachers at 8:30 A.M. The Young Disciples (2nd-6th grade) meet in the chapel. Junior High and High School youth go directly to the sanctuary.

There will be a Rally Sunday presentation by The Praise Puppets, a ministry of Christ Community Church in Ames at 8:45 A.M.

Adult classes will begin at 8:30 A.M. - *Vanishing Grace* in the Social Hall and *Essentials of Parenting: Raising Kids with a Faith that Lasts* in Cornerstone Room.

Worship at 9:30 A.M. - 2nd Graders receive Bibles from the congregation. The Praise Puppets will share the children's sermon. Senior Choir will sing.

Cinnamon rolls and fruit will be served by the Board of Education following worship - Freewill offering

Sunday, August 23

8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)

9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

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9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)

9:30 A.M. Worship

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR
GILBERT ANDREW CHRISTIAN,
SON OF ERIK & ALAINA CHRISTIAN

Dear Friends in Christ,

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In the waters of Baptism, we are joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord and made members of the Body of Christ. Living in fellowship with Him and His people, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

The Gospel of Mark tells us that once some people brought children to Jesus for Him to touch them, but the disciples scolded those people. When Jesus noticed it, He was angry and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then He took the children in his arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

Erik and Alaina, you have presented Gilbert for Holy Baptism. By doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of raising him in the Christian faith. Before God and this congregation I ask you then, do you promise to faithfully bring him to worship, read Scripture and pray together, teach him the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and help him grow in Christian faith?

If so, answer: "We will with the help of God."

You who are sponsors of this child are to be witnesses of his baptism. You are also to remember him in your prayers and encourage him as he grows in Christian faith.

If this is your intention, please answer: "We will with the help of God."

Dear Congregation,

Are you as Christ's community, ready to support these persons in their duties as parents and sponsors and to remember Gilbert in your prayers?

If so, answer: We are.

(Please stand for the confession of faith.)

Pastor: I address you now as parents, sponsors, and congregation. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Congregation: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray:

God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Gilbert's father and mother. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own commitment so that they may live out the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gilbert Andrew Christian, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross, on your head and on your heart, as a sign that you will know the Lord, the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God and Father, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through water and your Word. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Gilbert. Defend and keep him in your grace, that he may never depart from you, but may always live according to your will, finally receiving the fullness of your promise in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: This congregation has a new son in Christ.

Congregation: We welcome Gilbert into the Lord's family. We receive him as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all. Peace be with you. Amen.