

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

October 27, 2013

Mission Statement

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



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Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2013

We Prepare to Meet God

The Prelude

The Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

No. 151

The Prayer

The Time for Greeting

The Announcements

The Worship Song

"You Are My Hiding Place"

No. 700

We Hear God's Word

The First Lesson – Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.
"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.
"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

The Second Lesson – Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Gospel – John 8:31-36 (ESV)

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

We Confess Our Faith

The Anthem

"Majestic"

Junior Choir - Cathy McKim, Director

The Children's Message

The Apostles' Creed

(on screen)

We Respond to God's Blessings

The Offering

The Offertory *"We Are An Offering"* (on screen)

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed in Song and Word

The Anthem

"Majesty"

The Senior Choir – Susan Amensen, Director

The Sermon

"Abide"

Pastor Jensen

The Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 408

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

The Prayers of Praise and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Hymn

"Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken"

No. 409

The Postlude

Organist: Emily Anderson

Greeters: Jim & Gloria Oberender

Ushers: Alan Gelner, Justin Hanson, Rick & Treanna Richie,
Edgar & Jaynee Christian

Candlelighter: Sierra Tate

Reader: Brad Skaar

Sound Engineer: Trent Whipple

Visitors: A special welcome to our guests today! We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel welcome in the Lord's house. Visitors are encouraged to go to the welcome table in the narthex for information about our church and a free gift!

Senior Choir Fall Praise Dinner. Tickets for the November 17 Praise Dinner are on sale today before and after worship. There will be two dinner seatings, at 5:00 and 5:45 with food prepared by Chef Chris Hansen and choir members and served on tables decorated by Judy McIlrath. The concert will follow in the sanctuary at 6:30 and will feature the choir, small groups and special guests. Tickets are \$15 each (\$7.50 for children under 10) and need to be purchased in advance at the church or at Norsemen Realty Office by Thursday, November 14.

There will be no coffee fellowship in the Social Hall following the worship service today because of the Congregational Birthday Party.

Congregational Birthday Party. As part of our 115th anniversary year celebration, we thought it would be fun to have a “Congregational Birthday Party.” It will be held following the church service today. A table will be decorated for each month. You will be able to celebrate with others that share your birthday month. Cake and other treats will be served. We hope you will be able to join us! *There will be a special birthday table for those in **first grade and younger!***

If you have a prayer need this morning, you may use the back of the white card in the pew rack and place the request in the Prayer Box in the narthex by the coat rack. You can also submit prayer requests at any time on our website: www.immanuelstory.org

A New Member Sunday has been set for next Sunday, November 3. Please call the church office or talk to the pastors if you are interested in joining. An orientation class will be held today at 6 P.M. for those who will be joining next Sunday.

Sunday School Fall Mission Project. The Sunday School classes are supporting the Sandra J. Schulze American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Rochester, Minnesota for their mission project this fall. Having 60 rooms, the Hope Lodge of Rochester offers cancer patients a free place to stay when receiving cancer treatments at the Mayo Clinic.

Items you may donate that they need for everyday activities include: mattress covers/pads (deep pocket plastic with zipper for single or double beds), bed pillows (regular size), bed pillow protectors (standard waterproof), bath towels (white – 16x28 or 27x52), USA TODAY subscriptions, paper products, Clorox wipes, greeting cards (so that guests can send cards to family & friends), umbrellas, batteries (any size), postage stamps, hand sanitizer, and gift cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Hy-Vee, KwikTrip). You may leave these items in the narthex by the display. We will be collecting items through the month of October.

Adult Education - “See Through the Scriptures” - The pastors are leading this course, which began September 22 and will continue through November, for all adults in the Social Hall at 8:30 A.M.

Attendance last Sunday – 285

Our sympathy to Doug Ostrem and Karl Ostrem whose mother, Eva Ostrem, passed away last Sunday, October 20. Our sympathy also to Mary Mechaelsen whose mother, Arleen Lund passed away Saturday, October 19.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member who has directed Thrivent Choice Dollars in the past, you are reminded that any recurring direction you set up in the past does not apply to this year. You must once again direct any funds for 2013 by either calling Thrivent at 1.800.847.4836 or by logging in to the Thrivent website. *Funds directed online during October and November to local congregations will be doubled by Thrivent.* If you need assistance in directing funds, you are welcome to talk to your Thrivent representative or contact the church office.

Grief and the Holidays. Is it possible to experience the excitement of the holidays while grieving the death of a loved one? Discover if that is possible for you and your family at Bereavement Support Group at Bethany Manor in Story City. We will meet at Bethany Manor, 212 Lafayette Avenue in Story City, Thursday, November 7, 14, and 21 from 4:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. Please call Chaplain Sandy Anenson at 515.733.3012 or Bereavement Coordinator Bonnie Riphagen at 515.956.6038 to register for the group.

Reminders

- **The Children's Activity Bulletins** are available from the ushers for young children.
- **Nursery facilities** are available across from the restrooms on the main floor of the educational wing. Please feel free to take your child there if needed during the service.
- **Tune in** to the Immanuel Lutheran Radio Broadcast each Sunday morning at 8 A.M. on KASI Radio (AM 1430).
- **The new edition** of “The Lutheran Digest” is available on the shelf in the narthex.
- **A Stephen Ministry** table is set up by the church office. Please take time to look over the information there.

Upcoming Events

- **Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts.** Join us Wednesday nights in November to discover how God has wired and gifted you for making a difference in the world. For more information about the course, pick up a brochure from the welcome table in the narthex. To sign up for the course, contact the church office or fill out the form in the bulletin today.
- **Young Adults Potluck.** Our young adults and families will have a potluck in the Social Hall next Sunday, November 3 at 5:00 P.M. We'll talk about plans for our Christmas party and other future events. Hope you can come to share delicious food and great conversation.
- **Weekly Women's Bible Study.** The Bible Study for women meets each Wednesday morning in the church library from 8:30-10. This group has just begun a new study on the *book of Ezekiel*. Contact Marsha Sweet for more information or just come on Wednesday morning. If you haven't participated before, you are welcome to join in as we begin this new study.
- **Check the narthex bulletin board** for more information concerning the following upcoming fundraisers for area churches.
 - **Bergen Fall Festival,** Bergen Lutheran Church, Roland. Saturday, November 2. 9 A.M. – 1 P.M. Harvest Lunch served from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. Adults - \$7.00, Children - \$3.00. Harvest Sale – Bake Sale & Craft Sale 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
 - **Fall Festival,** St. Mary Catholic Church, Williams. Sunday, November 3, 4:30 – 7 P.M. Adults - \$8.00, Children (4-12) - \$4.00, Children (3 and under) - free.
 - **Turkey Supper,** Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Wednesday, November 6, 5-7 P.M. Adults - \$13.00, Children (4-10) - \$5.00, Children (3 and under) - free.
 - **Norske Selskap,** Elim Lutheran Church, Randall. Saturday, November 9, 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. Bake Sale, Sandwich Line and Norwegian Foods.
 - **Norwegian Supper,** Badger Lutheran Church, Badger. Thursday, November 14, 4:30-7 P.M. Adults - \$20.00, Children (6-12) - \$10.00, Children (5 and under) – free. Limited seating – Reserve your tickets today!
- **LSI Blue Sky Day** – 5K Run/Walk – November 2. Blue Sky Day gets a splash of color in its 18th year as color stations are added to the route. Registration starts at 9 A.M. with the race starting at 10. To learn more or to register for this event which celebrates the children, families and individuals that are served from LSI's Beloit Campus in Ames, go to the LSI website – www.lsiowa.org. Proceeds raised from the race go to support LSI's Beloit Campus and the programs provided in Ames and surrounding communities.
- **"Celestial Strings"** - A program of Thanksgiving with Harp & Voice. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 P.M. Celestial Strings is the music ministry of Rev. William Reister of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Florida and a son of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ellsworth. Brought together by their love for church work and music, he and his wife, Susan present inspirational programs with the music of the harp, organ, piano and voice. Pastor Bill has been playing the harp for church services, weddings, banquets, parties, funerals and other social occasions since 2000. Freewill Offering.
- **"Little Dresses for Africa"** - The Workspace at the ISU Memorial Union (2229 Lincoln Way, Ames) is hosting a work weekend for the non-profit organization "Little Dresses for Africa" Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3. Hours are from 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Saturday and 1-4 P.M. Sunday. Volunteers can assist with making dresses from pillow cases, providing relief and hope for children in Africa. From cutting fabric and ironing to sewing, there is a place for anyone that has an hour or two to spare. Those with basic sewing skills are especially appreciated to help lead the volunteers. The Workspace will provide the supplies, however if you would like to donate new or gently used pillowcases or notions you may bring them that day. There is no charge to participate. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information call 515.294.0970 or visit their website, www.littledressesforafrica.org.

October 27- November 3, 2013
Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel



Pray & Praise Corner

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

- Those who have been hospitalized recently, especially Lorraine Jacobson, Ralph Alvestad and Pat McKim.

We praise God for:

- This beautiful fall season.
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Youth Activities

High School Youth Group - Just like the season that is upon us right now (fall) we have made some changes to the time of High School Youth Group!! This is going to be an exciting time for us. Our *new* time that we will be trying out is **6:00pm to 8:00pm** on Wednesday evenings. I am hoping that this will allow those of you who could not make it before, the opportunity to come join us! I hope to see everyone there and as always, please bring a friend!

Our format will be -

- 6:00 to 6:30 - A time to hang out and relax
- 6:30 to 6:45 - Optional Pizza time (Bring \$2 if you want to eat)
- 6:45 to 8:00 - Devotions and activity time

Middle School Youth Group - Join us today from 2-3:30 P.M. for fun and fellowship! We will be doing devotions, playing some awesome games and having a great time! See you there! Our next meeting will be November 3 from 2-3:30 P.M.

Sunday, October 27

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
- 9:30 A.M. Worship – Junior Choir Sings
- 11:00 A.M. Congregational Birthday Celebration
- 2:00 P.M. Middle School Youth Group
- 6:00 P.M. New Member Orientation

Monday, October 28

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 30

- 8:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
- 6:00 P.M. HS Youth Group
- 6:30 P.M. Junior Choir
- 6:30 P.M. Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 P.M. Trinity & Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 P.M. Senior Choir

Thursday, October 31

Friday, November 1

Saturday, November 2

- 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel

Sunday, November 3 – Communion Sunday
New Member Sunday

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship
- 2:00 P.M. Middle School Youth Group
- 5:00 P.M. Young Adult Potluck