

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Sandy Hill**

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Jim Abbott

Rev. Kerry Nelson, Guest Speaker

***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

***February 14, 2010***

Congregation responses are in **bold**. *ELW* are hymn numbers.

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*[stand]*

*Invocation*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Confession and Forgiveness*

As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin  
and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Strong and faithful God,  
**we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us  
all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness  
of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Greeting*

Arise, shine; for your light has come. The grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Hymn*      **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**      *ELW 834*

*Prayer of the Day*

Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
**you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of  
Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who  
renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*[sit]*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Children's Sermon*

*First Reading*    Exodus 34:29-35

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the  
mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did  
not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking  
with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin  
of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31  
But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the  
congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32  
Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in

commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2 **The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
- 4 **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- 5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
- 6 **Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- 8 **O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- 9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have

love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

[stand]

*Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

[sit]

*Sermon*

*Silence for reflection*

[stand]

*Hymn*

**“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”**

**ELW 315**

*Apostles' Creed*

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*Prayers of Intercession*

Each portion of the prayers ends with:

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

The prayers end with:

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with fellow worshipers*

*[sit]*

### **THANKSGIVING**

*We give thanks to God for His gifts to us.*

*Offering*

*[stand]*

*Hymn of Thanksgiving*

**“We Praise You, O God”**

*ELW 870*

*Thanksgiving for the Word*

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you make all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word, you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*Blessing*

Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Hymn*            **“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

*ELW 671*

*[sit]*

*Announcements*

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Ringing of the bell*

## **Calendar & Upcoming Events...**

**Today - Immanuel Choir practice 8:00 am**  
**Worship 8:30 am Immanuel**  
**Sunday Schools 9:30 am**  
**Worship 10:30 am St Matthew**  
**Immanuel Every member visitation leaders lunch at noon**  
**St Matthew WELCA Valentine Party 2pm**  
**Coop Confirmation @ 3pm @ Immanuel**

**Mon – Bible Study 1:00 PM @ Immanuel**  
**Bible Study 7:00 PM @ Clint & Winnie Boriacks**

**Wed – Ash Wednesday Service 7pm @ St Matthew**  
**Meal from 6-6:50 pm**

**Thurs – Nursing Home Service @ Brenham Rest Home 10:30am**  
**Newsletter Deadline**

**Sun Feb 21 – Immanuel Choir practice 8:00**  
**Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 am Immanuel**  
**Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am\**  
**St Matthew WELCA Bible Study 9:30 am**  
**Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am St Matthew**  
**Every Member Visitation @ Immanuel**

### **Bible Study**

Monday, February 15 – Acts 14:1-7 pages 23-26 - 1:00 pm at Immanuel and at the home of the Boriack’s at 6:00 pm.

### **Nursing Home Service**

Join Pastor on Thursday, February 18 at 10:30 am for the service at Brenham Rest Home.

### **Choir Notes-Immanuel February 2010**

The choir will meet at 8 AM each Sunday in February, beginning February 7. We will sing each Sunday and start to learn songs for Easter and to lead congregational singing. We welcome all new singers to join in the fun.

### **Newsletter Deadline Thursday, Feb 18**

### **Serving Us Today...**

	<b>St Matthew</b>	<b>Immanuel</b>
<b>Organists</b>	Frances Scheffer	Lois Holle
<b>Readers</b>	Dwayne Brown	Cheyenne Ridings
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Kim Mueller</b> Bradley Mueller Billy Scheffer Justin Dana	<b>Eugene Bothe</b> Mark Eickenhorst Tyler Eickenhorst Brianna Hupe
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Matt, Michelle, Megan & Mason Lampe in honor of their 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Amy & Michael Flynn
<b>Acolyte</b>		Colleen Bentke

## **Guest Speaker**

We thank Rev. Kerry Nelson, Director of Evangelical Mission – Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA, for speaking to us today and meeting with the Immanuel leadership.

## **St Matthew Ladies**

You are invited to a party today at St Matthew's Church from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm. It will be fun to get together.

Hostess

Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte

We look forward to seeing all of you

## **ST. MATTHEW WOMEN URGENT NEED FOR LWR HEALTH KITS**

Eight countries are currently on a waiting list to receive health kits. These are sent by LWR to areas where disaster relief is being provided.

### Health Kits

6 band-aids

1 toothbrush

1 hand towel

1 wash cloth

1 comb

1 bar soap (new bath size)

1 nail file or small clipper with file

## **St Matthew WELCA**

will meet for Bible Study on Sunday, February 21 at 9:30 am. Sandy Wodrich will lead the study on Praying the Lord's Prayer.

## **St Matthew WELCA Quilt Assembly**

will meet on Thursday, February 25 from 9am-2pm. Bring a lunch.

## **Ash Wednesday**

**Wednesday, February 17**

**Services at St Matthew Lutheran Church**

**Meal 6:00 – 6:50 pm**

**Service w/ Holy Communion begins at 7pm**

## **“Getting Your Ducks in a Row”**

**On Sunday, February 28, during the Sunday School hour at Immanuel, we welcome John Hunsicker from the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest.**

**Pastor John will be presenting a special seminar entitled “Getting Your Ducks in a Row”.**

**This fun workshop is designed to give you a lot of helpful information about estate planning, how to avoid probate and taxes, how to provide for yourself during retirement, and how to leave something for your loved ones, while still leaving a LEGACY GIFT to our church and other Lutheran ministries!**

**Pastor John will be at St Matthew on March 7.**

## **Keeping in Touch**

**Pastor Abbott:**

**Call** - 251-4992 - Pastor Abbott's cell phone –

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**Immanuel: Call** - 836-6780 – the office @ Immanuel.

**E-mail** - smichurch@hotmail.com

### **Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...**

Margaret Heideman Lorena Randermann  
Louise Bell Loesch Mary Helen Cade Bob Eccleston  
Alfred Gaskamp Nelda Gaskamp Martha Clough

### **Those seeing doctors, continuing treatments and/or recovering from surgery...**

Barbara Hollis Don Bolenbarr Tim Wellmann  
Mike Hodges Betty Watson Bob Eccleston  
Carrie Scheffer

### **In our extended family...**

The full prayer list is in the February newsletter. Those listed below have been added or updated in the last few weeks. If you want someone added or wish to report their improvements, please let Pastor Abbott know, 251-4992
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Robert Terrian – son-in-law of Ed & Sylvia Dannhaus  
Lauren Davis – friend of many  
David Ryan Fuller – friend of Pam Schroeder  
Doris Jankowiak – friend of many  
Shawn Presnell – Barbara Hollis' daughter  
Ray Goehring – Barbara Hollis's brother  
Leroy Boenker – cousin of Renee Lambert  
Levi Luvaas – father of Marlene Randermann  
Donald Carter – son of Barbara Hollis  
Ruby McLain - Aunt of Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte  
Bonnie Benkowski – friend of many  
Louese Teer – Aunt of Trochelle Ray  
Jocine Hanath – Friend of Stanley Sommer  
Wayman Bradley – brother of Don Bradley  
Jimbo Hardin – nephew of Pauline Hodges  
Frank Dickschat – uncle of Renee Lambert  
Butch Kevorkian - Philip Kelling's biological father  
Doris Meyer – mother of Bobby Meyer  
Betty Warner – Cousin of Renee Lambert  
Elroy Discher – friend of Schulte family  
Annie & Albert Rybarski = Christie Schroeder's parents

### **Thanksgiving for Improvements or Good News...**

Jenny Sebastian