

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Sandy Hill

Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Jim Abbott

***Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2010***

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

GATHERING

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

About today's Service: In celebration of the festival of the baptism of our Lord we will use the liturgy of thanksgiving for baptism in place of the confession. At the conclusion of the service you are invited to dip your finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism before you leave the sanctuary.

[stand]

Invocation

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delights.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of

all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be give honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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 **"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"** *ELW 308*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

[sit]

Choir

WORD

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

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the

waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- 11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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.

The holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

[sit]

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Installation of Council Members and WELCA Officers

Council Members: Stanley Sommer---Chairman
Kathy Lehmann---Financial Secretary
Sherry Mahlmann---Education
Debbie Brown--- Secretary
Clint Boriack---Treasurer
Michelle Lampe---Worship
Mark Niebuhr---Property

WELCA Officers:

Ruth Kelling ---Coordinator
Marilyn Sommer---Assistant Coordinator
Sandra Wodrich---Treasurer
Corene Niemeyer---Mission Action
Edna Schroeder---Mission Community

[stand]

Hymn **“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” ELW 304**

Apostles’ Creed Inside back cover of hymnal

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]

Dedication of new outside pathway lights

Hymn of Thanksgiving “For the Fruit of All Creation” ELW 679

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 **“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”** *ELW 445*

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the bell

Serving Us Today...

	St Matthew	Immanuel
Organists	Ann Sommer	Cindy Reimer
Readers	Ruth Kelling	Chase Coghlan
Ushers	Billy Scheffer Brian Scheffer Stephen Scheffer Mark Niebuhr	Pauline Hodges Chase Coghlan Colton Coghlan
Altar Flowers	Ruth Kelling	Lorena Randermann, Janice McClendon Charlie Schroeder
Acolyte		Alexis Chaudron

Calendar & Upcoming Events...

Today - St Matthew Choir practice 8:00 am

Worship 8:30 am St Matthew

Sunday Schools 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am Immanuel

Coop confirmation 3:00 pm Zion Lutheran, Zionsville

Immanuel Reports for General Meeting due today in office

Mon – Worship Planning Committee 9:00 am @ St Matthew

Bible Study 1:00 PM @ Immanuel

Bible Study 7:00 PM @ Clint & Winnie Boriacks

Tues – Quilting @ Immanuel 9:00 am

Thurs – Nursing Home service @ Brenham Rest Home 10:30 am

Sun Jan 17 – St Matthew Choir practice 8:00 am

Worship 8:30 am w/ Holy Communion St Matthew

St Matthew Church Council meeting after service

Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am w/ Holy Communion Immanuel

Immanuel General Meeting

Sunday, January 24 after service

Pot Luck Meal to follow

Everyone is encouraged to come

Immanuel Quilting

The Women of Immanuel Lutheran will be quilting for Lutheran World Relief on January 12 from 9-12 am at Church. Please join us.

Immanuel WELCA General Meeting

**January 24
1pm**

Nursing Home Service

Join Pastor on Thursday, January 14 at 10:30 am for the service at Brenham Rest Home.

Immanuel Reports Due

Reports for the General Meeting are due to the Office today. No exceptions!

St Matthew Reports Due

Reports for the General Meeting are due to the Office by January 19

Choir Notes St Matthew January 2010

St Matthew choir will not practice on Jan 3, but will practice and sing on Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Immanuel Volunteer as a Lay Visitor

A sign up sheet is in the Parish House to sign up for this important ministry.

Volunteers Serving in the Community

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins

Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. Nadine Rau is serving in January.

Senior Meals - Those delivering meals for Washington County Healthy Living Association from both Immanuel and St Matthew this week are Virginia Tappe and Patty Addicks.

St Matthew New Pathway Lights

The new outdoor pathway lights that are being dedicated today are given in memory of Elroy Schroeder and Willie Mae Quinlin.

Brenham Children's Chorus Presents Memories of Christmas

Monday January 11 7:00 pm

Brenham High School Auditorium

Tickets adults \$5 Children \$1

Call for tickets 979-277-6540 or e-mail
bccinfo@brenhamchildrenschorus.org

St Matthew Council Meeting after service Jan 17

BIBLE STUDY RESTART!

JANUARY 11 - MONDAY 1:00 pm AT IMMANUEL 7:00pm at CLINT & WINNIE BORIACK

Bible Study in January will pick up where we left off in the Book of ACTS. I want to encourage you to come, even if you have not been to bible study in a while. Each lesson stands on its own - and is just a few pages long. Our first lesson is Acts 13:1-12 "Mission and Magic."

St. Matthew Sunday School News

We have added a new classroom for our toddlers. Please join us in the new "Lighthouse" room for music starting at 9:30 a.m. Miss Emily Dana and/or Miss Katie Kleibert will then have a 15-20 minute lesson for the Pre-K and toddler age children in the new classroom. If you know of any toddlers or can invite a school-aged friend please come join us on Sunday mornings. The school-aged children will have lesson time with Mrs. Frances Dana, Mrs. Sherry Mahlmann, and/or Mrs. Rachel Niebuhr following music time. Hope to see you there! We are looking forward to sharing a very blessed 2010 with you!

Keeping in Touch

Pastor Abbott:

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

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Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...

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

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

Trenton Stewart Barbara Hollis Don Bolenbarr
Raleigh Wellmann Tim Wellmann Mike Hodges
Betty Watson Don Goodwin Bob Eccleston
Carrie Scheffer

In our extended family...

The full prayer list is in the January 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

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
Gregory Rybarski – brother of Christie Schroeder
Michael Danford – nephew of Doris and Bob Burk
Levi Luvaas – father of Marlene Randermann
Donald Carter – son of Barbara Hollis
Ruby McLain - Aunt of Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Jenny Sebastian – Amanda (Wellmann) Sebastian's sister in law
Katherine Kenjura - Edna Schroeder's niece
Bonnie Benkowski – friend of many
Louese Teer – Aunt of Trochelle Ray
Bernice Heinsohn – mother of Clyde, a friend of Henry Al Ellermann
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
Carson Leslie – friend of Bill & Dot Yawn
Bobbie Oberhoff – son of Anita Oberhoff

In Christian Sympathy to family and friends of...

Nora Watts