

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Sandy Hill

Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Jim Abbott

***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 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 **“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”** *ELW 533*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God,
transform our lives to conform to your will so that we love what you command, and may obtain the promise of new life in your kingdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

[sit]

Choir **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** *ELW 798*

WORD

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

Children's Sermon

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” 7 But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” 9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and

over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

51 Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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 4th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

21 Then (Jesus) began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” 24 And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** *ELW 836*

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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	Allison Collins
Readers	Justin Dana	Cheyenne Ridings
Ushers	Billy Scheffer Brian Scheffer Stephen Scheffer Mark Niebuhr	Pauline Hodges Larry Kieke Stephen Joswiak
Altar Flowers	Patsy Schroeder	Mark and Jackie Eickenhorst
Acolyte		Brianna Hupe

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**
- Mon – Bible Study 1:00 PM @ Immanuel**
- Bible Study 7:00 PM @ Clint & Winnie Boriacks**
- Sun Feb 7 – Immanuel Choir practice 8:00**
- Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 am Immanuel**
- Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am**
- Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am St Matthew**
- St Matthew General Meeting following service**
- Meal to follow meeting**

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 and Dot Yawn are serving in January.

Senior Meals - Delivering meals for Washington County Healthy Living Association from both Immanuel and St Matthew this week is Jim Abbott.

Bible Study

Monday, February 1 – Acts 13:26-43, pg 12-17 – The evening class is invited to join the 1:00 pm at Immanuel .

ST. MATTHEW WOMEN

St Matthew Ladies

You are invited to a party on Sunday, February 14, 2010 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.

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

Congratulations to Parents

Jeanie and Ronson Muegge on birth of son Ronson Henry Muegge II

Haiti Relief

A collection was taken up last week for Haitian Relief. St Matthew collected over \$400.00 and Immanuel collected over \$500.00

St Matthew General Meeting

Sunday, February 7 after service

Meal to follow Tex's Bar-B-Que was called and a Smothered Steak Meal with two sides, bread, and tea will be served for \$6.50 a plate. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex to assist with a count.

Everyone is encouraged to come.

President Andre Golike of the Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic will be in Texas Jan. 26 - Feb. 2. He will speak at St. Peter's at Gay Hill on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Jana Ahlers will translate as needed. Come and learn first hand about our work there: the Village Education Program, the new Women's Center, and the Gallo Health Clinic. Meet at 6:15 at Sandy Hill Feb 1 to leave for Gay Hill at 6:30.

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

.Keeping in Touch

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

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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 Don Goodwin
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

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
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
Doris Meyer – mother of Bobby Meyer
Imogene Macat – grandmother of Deanna Scheffer

Thanksgiving for Improvements or Good News...

Trenton Stewart

Sympathy to Family and Friends...

Carson Leslie -- friend of Bill & Dot Yawn