



of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings

I sing for joy.

**8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*[Stand]*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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*Gospel*

The holy gospel according to Luke

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9

1 At that very time there were some present who told (Jesus) about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”  
6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8 He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon

Silence is kept for reflection.

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day “*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*” ELW 609

Apostles’ Creed

Inside back cover of hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayer ends with:

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

The prayers end with:

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with fellow worshipers*

[Sit]

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

[Stand]

Offering Song

“*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*”

ELW 184

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful,

**you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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**Thanksgiving and Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Distribution Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come and eat the bread of life.

All who are thirsty, come and drink the cup of salvation.

[Sit]

Communion

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW 801

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW 623

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW 542

[Stand]

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

The God who formed us in love, who renews us through grace, and who will transform us into glory, + bless you this day and always.

Amen.

Hymn

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW 624

[Sit]

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the bell

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Serving Us Today...

|                               | St Matthew   | Immanuel  |
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| Organists                     | Ann Sommer   | Allison Collins   |
| Readers                       | Emily Dana   | Colleen Bentke  |
| Ushers                        | David Kelm<br>Rudy Dana<br>John Dana<br>Matthew Kelm | Jerry Kieke<br>Charlie Schroeder<br>Pauline Hodges<br>Corrine Estrada |
| Altar Flowers                 | Marilyn Sommer                                       | Janie Hart in honor of Trinity's birthday                             |
| Acolyte / Communion Assistant | Mark Niebuhr   | Cheyenne Ridings  |

Calendar & Upcoming Events...

- Today – St Matthew Choir Practice 8:00 am
- Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:30 am St Matthew
- Sunday School at 9:30 am
- Rev. John Hunsicker speaking @ 9:30 @ St Matthew
- Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 am Immanuel
- Mon - Worship Planning committee 9am @ St Matthew
- Bible Study 1:00 PM @ Immanuel
- Ruth Circle 2:15 pm @ Immanuel
- Bible Study 6:00 PM @ Alice Petty's home
- Wed – Lenten Services Immanuel 7pm
- Meal 6-6:50 pm hosted by Church Council
- Thurs – Nursing Home Service @ 10:30 @ Brenham Rest Home
- Sarah Circle @ 6:30 pm @ Immanuel
- Sat – Second Saturday Breakfast & Fellowship 8am Immanuel
- Immanuel Church Council after breakfast
- Day Light Savings time begins @ 2am “Spring forward”
- Sun March 14 – BLESSING OF THE QUILTS
- St Matthew choir practice 8:00 am
- Worship 8:30 am St Matthew
- No Sunday Schools
- St Matthew WELCA Bible Study 9:30 am
- St Matthew Council meets after service
- Worship 10:30 am Immanuel

# Immanuel Special Offering

To be taken today to help pay for the repairs to the foundation of the Church Building. The estimated amount is \$3,100.00.

## Volunteers Serving in the Community

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins  
Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. Erlene Wellmann and Virginia Tappe are serving in March.

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

### March 10 Wednesday Lenten Service

Immanuel Dinner 6:00 to 6:50 pm Service at 7:00 pm

Pastor Charles Parnell **Intercession**

Sponsor: Immanuel Church Council

### Immanuel - Second Saturday -

The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, March 13. We will have time for fellowship. Bubba & Shirley Dreyer, Charlie Schroeder & Janice McClendon, and Patty & Wilburn Addicks are hosting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

A signup sheet is in the parish house for anyone interested in making/bringing breakfast in 2010.

Join us for food and fellowship.

We hope to make Second Saturday a time for fellowship every month.

### Nursing Home Service

Join Pastor on Thursday, March 11 at 10:30 am for the service at Brenham Rest Home



## Choir Notes-St Matthew- March 2010

The choir will meet at 8 AM on March 7, 14 and 28 in March. We will start to learn songs for Easter and to lead congregational singing. We welcome all new singers to join in the fun

## Sunday Schools

### St. Matthew

March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> – No Sunday School

SPRING BREAK WEEK

### Immanuel

March 14<sup>th</sup> – No Sunday School

SPRING BREAK WEEK

***Don't forget to set your clocks forward Saturday night, March 13. for Daylight Savings Time.***

### Bible Study

Monday, March 8 – Acts 15:1-11 pgs. 36-42 - 1:00 pm at Immanuel and at the home of Clint and Winnie Boriack at 6:00 pm.

### 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  
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 Darla Vesper Gladys Schwarze  
Alfred Gaskamp Alice Petty

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

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| The full prayer list is in the March 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  
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  
Frank Dickschat – uncle of Renee Lambert  
Jimbo Hardin – nephew of Pauline Hodges  
Butch Kevorkian - Philip Kelling's biological father  
Doris Meyer – mother of Bobby Meyer  
Elroy Discher – friend of Schulte family  
Annie & Albert Rybarski = Christie Schroeder's parents  
June (Wellmann) Schafer  
Herbert Bosse – Shirley Dreyer's step-father  
Virginia Neinast – friend of Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte

### **Christian Sympathy to family and friends...**

Fred Dickschat