

October 20, 2024 Order of Today's Service

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Call to Worship

Prayer

Praise Hymn #113:

I Just Came to Praise the Lord

Praise Hymn #297:

I Love to Tell the Story

Children's Message

Praise & Prayer Requests

*Prayer Hymn #477:

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Morning Prayer

Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10 – 19

Message:

Securing the Truth: The Belt That Holds It All Together

*Responsive Hymn #484:

Who Is On the Lord's Side?

Offering Prayer

Offertory:

*Doxology

Church Happenings

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn:

Make Me a Servant

** Please Stand*

Read this morning's scripture:

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel... **Ephesians 6:10 – 19**

Prayer & Praise:

· Remember **Marcia, Wilma, Nathan and Mark** in prayer as they go through health struggles.

· Pray for **safety in our local schools.**

· **Pray for the harvest**, and the safety of all who work to bring it in.

· Please join the **Pastor Search Committee** in praying for guidance in finding our next Shepherd here at Immanuel. This is not an easy venture and we appreciate your support in prayer.

Church & Family News

· Our adult **Sunday School** continues this morning! Join us after our coffee and fellowship time for the study "Right In The Eye," by Andy Stanley.

· **Consistory** will meet this morning at 11.

· Ladies, **Don't Give The Enemy a Seat at Your Table** wraps up tomorrow evening here at Immanuel. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.; bring a snack to share before the Bible study if you'd like. The topic of the study is "In the Presence of Our Enemies."

· **Family Ministry Night** is this Wednesday, October 23, beginning with supper at 6:30.

· Thanks to all who attended, baked cookies and helped clean up after the **concert event last Sunday**. What a fun afternoon!

· Immanuel is responsible for **delivering Meals on Wheels** during the month of November. Currently the meals are only being served on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you would be able to help, please contact **Wanda (515-689-6698)** so she can get a schedule set up. Meals need to be delivered both in town and in the apartments. There will not be a meal delivered on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

· The date is set: The **2024 Harvest Feast** will take place Friday, November 8. Contact Karla Pals and Julie Berneman for more info.

Serving Us Today

Greeters: Vaughn & Jane Pals

Clean-Up: Vaughn & Jane Pals

Musician: Donna Buseman

October 27

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Happy Birthday!

Oct. 1 Velda Steenblock

Oct. 10 Joslyn Barkema

Oct. 16 Crystal Braner

Oct. 17 Tate Goeman

Oct. 23 Ashley Pals, Mallory Sopher Domnick

Oct. 26 Karen DeKuijer

Oct. 29 Lindy Rae Goemaat, Keith Halfpop

Oct. 31 Dave Kobes

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 25 Brad & Julie Berneman