

September 1, 2024 Order of Today's Service

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Hymn #76:

O, For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

Call to Worship

Prayer

Praise Hymn:

He Has Made Me Glad

Praise Hymn:

There Is a Redeemer

Children's Message

*Prayer Hymn #430:

I Must Tell Jesus

Morning Prayer

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1 - 10

Message:

Laboring For the Lord

*Responsive Hymn #405:

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Offering Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

Church Happenings

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn #608:

May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior

* Please Stand

Read this morning's scripture:

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:1 - 10

Prayer & Praise:

- Please remember **Marianne, Marcia, Wilma, Nathan and Mark** in prayer as they go through health struggles.
- Pray for **local students, teachers and staff**, plus those students back in college, now that the new school year has started.

- 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 would appreciate your support in prayer.

Church & Family News

- **Sunday School kickoff** will be NEXT SUNDAY with a potluck dinner. All are welcome!
- The **Fall Women's Bible Study** will begin Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This year's study is "**Don't Give The Enemy a Seat At Your Table,**" by **Louie Giglio**, based on Psalm 23. Just to whet your appetite, the first chapter is entitled "The Table Before Us." This will be an excellent study! Plan to attend!
- More to look forward to: **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** will be October 6 (Yay! Another potluck!), and **Phil and Pam Morgan** will be sharing their talents with us on the afternoon of October 13.
- The date is set: The **2024 Harvest Feast** will take place Friday, November 8. Besides the famous dinner, we'll also have a bake sale and silent auction as we did last fall. Be thinking now about how you can help, and see Karla Pals and Julie Berneman for more information.

Serving Us Today

Greeters: Curt & Skip Dorenkamp
Clean-Up: Curt & Skip Dorenkamp
Musician: Jerry Boelman

September 8

Greeters: Becky Ellingston
Clean-Up: Becky Ellingston
Musician: Jane Pals

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 4 Sally Lindeman
Sept. 10 Steven Clark
Sept. 15 Skip Dorenkamp

Sept. 22 Melissa Sifert

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 29 Vaughn & Jane Pals

Wow! Not too many birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this month. Here's an idea: Send a card to everyone in our list above to remember their special day.