

Prelude

Opening Song: "Battle Belongs"

*Call to Worship: Psalm 96:2-4

*Welcome

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Worship: "A Thousand Hallelujahs"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Apostle's Creed hymn

Community Connections

(Children may be dismissed to Children & Worship)

Offering: Resonate Global Mission

Offertory

Song of Illumination: "Compassion Hymn" (Choir)

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Message: *Be Present*

Prayers of the People

*Song of Response: "O Church, Arise"

*Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: "The Blessing"

Postlude

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*Song of Praise: "Come, Thou Almighty King" #246 all 4 vs.

*God's Greeting

*"O Worship the King" #428 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*Statement of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 1

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" #291 all 5 vs.

Scripture: Isaiah 44:6-22

Message: *There Is Only One God*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #504 all vs.

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Postlude

The evening offering baskets will not be passed during the worship service. You may place your offering in one of the baskets in the fellowship hall as you enter or exit.

Witness: Lesson 2: Be Present (September 24 sermon)

Watch the *Be Present* video, found at: resonateglobalmission.org/witnessvideos

Icebreaker: What is one place or thing of beauty in your neighborhood (outside of your home or yard)?

Read: Luke 19:1-10

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus was simply “passing through” Jericho on the way to Jerusalem, where he would begin the week leading up to his crucifixion. Jericho was one of the busiest and most powerful cities at the time, and Jesus’ most important work lay ahead of him in Jerusalem. But then he delays his plans to stay at Zacchaeus’ house. What are the reasons why Jesus might have simply continued with his original plan, rather than stopping to spend time with Zacchaeus?
- Use your five senses to imagine yourself in Jesus’ sandals as he enters Zacchaeus’ home. What do you see? What do you hear? What might you taste? How does it make you feel?
- What do you think Jesus did while he was present in Zacchaeus’ home? What do you think he learned from spending time there?
- What keeps us from being present in our own neighborhoods and communities?
- Do you think relationships develop slower or faster today, compared to in the past? Why? What does that mean for the gospel witness practice of being present?
- READ Luke 19:1-10 again. Slowly. Reflectively. Believe that this is God’s word to you today.
 - What words or phrases capture your imagination? What might God be saying to you through them?
- What assumptions did people make about Zacchaeus?
- What assumptions have you made about your neighbors and your neighborhood?
- What do you think God might see when God sees your neighbors and your neighborhood?

Witness: Be Present

Luke 19:1-10

Name: _____

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” -Luke 19:7

Zacchaeus: A _____

The _____ of Zacchaeus (God _____)

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. -Luke 19:3-4

The _____ of Jesus (God _____)

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” -Luke 19:5

Reaching out to a _____

Becoming the _____ of a _____

The _____ & _____ of Zacchaeus
(God _____)

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! ... Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. -Luke 19:8-9

Christians are the _____ of _____ in this world.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church ... -1 Corinthians 12:27-28

Transformation ___ Guest ___ Oppressor ___ Presence ___ Short ___

Offering Schedule:

Today: AM: Resonate Global Mission
PM: Genesis House
Oct 1: AM: Christian Education Society
PM: TBD

Safety Team:

Today: AM: Dan W, Todd W
PM: Don B, Todd W
Oct 1: AM: Butch A, Dan W
PM: Butch A, Adam T

Nursery: (The library is available during the service as a private space for nursing moms)

Today: Rebecca S, Alyssa S, Sammie H
Oct 1: Alyss P, Mollie S, Caitlyn F

Morning Praise Team:

Today: Jeff Schemper, Aidyn Schemper, Addison Jacobsma
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar
Oct 1: Kristina Wolf, Shonna Wassenaar
Guitar: Ray Hernandez, Dan Robinson
Pianist: Trey Schemper

Audio:

Today: Adam
Oct 1: Cobi

Video:

Today: Kolby
Oct 1: Brody (Collin)

PowerPoint:

Today: Lorna
Oct 1: Autumn (Sam W)

Children & Worship

Today: Rachel R, Addison J, Evie R, Nina R
Oct 1: Tami S, Mollie S, Cody S, Annie S

Coffee Servers:

Today: Lary & Viv Rosenboom, Jeff & Jill Schemper
Oct 1: Jeff & Jill Schemper, Roger Boer

This Week at Immanuel: September 24 - 30

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 a.m.	Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
MON:	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
WED:	7:15 p.m.	Youth Group

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens
September 24, 2023

Morning Worship: This morning we continue our fall series, "Witness," with the message, "Be Present." Pastor Kevin will teach from the story of Jesus and Zachaeus. Jesus' presence in the life of Zachaeus results in a huge change in his life. What is it about Jesus that brings about this change? How can we be the presence of Christ in ways that God can use to transform lives?

The worship service will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at our host site: <http://immanuelsheldon.online.church>. It will be posted for later viewing on the Immanuel Church of Sheldon Iowa YouTube page and on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/>.

Evening Worship: This evening Rev. Lee Khang, pastor at Ocheyedan CRC, will be leading our evening service as part of the post-classis pulpit exchange. Pastor Lee will be preaching on Isaiah 44:6-22 which presents the LORD, the one God – the first and the last, in contrast to idol gods created by human beings. The LORD speaking through Isaiah proclaims, "You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?" Pastor Kevin will be preaching in Sanborn this evening.

Announcements

Children & Worship will dismiss during the morning service and meet downstairs. All children age 3 through kindergarten welcome!

Youth Group Snacks: Youth Group has started meeting weekly and is looking for volunteers to provide snacks each Wednesday. Find more information and sign up on the Connections Table.

The Women's Monday Night Bible Study is ready to start again. We will be doing a study by Lisa Whittle, "Jesus Over Everything". All women are invited to join and our first meeting will be tomorrow, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel. Please contact Deb Peters for more information or if you'd like to join (712-441-6847).

Classis Heartland met Wednesday at Immanuel CRC in Orange City. Highlights include Jon Keyser sustaining his examination for the role of commissioned pastor opening the door for his ordination. Rev. Dr. Zachary King, General Secretary of the CRC, presented the denomination's vision and answered questions from delegates. Three new pastors were welcomed to the classis, Lee Khang – Ocheyedan, Cody Stattema – Immanuel, OC, and Aaron Greidanus – First Hull.

Church Potluck: Dr. Jose and Laura Guererro from Vida en Abundancia will be with us in worship on Sunday, October 1. We look forward to hearing about the ministry in Jalapa. We will share a congregational meal with them at noon that day. For families who want to attend, last name ending in A – M please bring a hot dish; N – Z please bring a cold side dish or salad.

CES Apple Pie Project: Mark your calendars for October 25-28 to help make some delicious apple pies for which Immanuel CRC is well-known. Order forms are on the Connections table. There is also an order link posted on Immanuel's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Immanuel's Best Contest is happening this Fall on Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. This year we are on the hunt for Immanuel's best soup or chili! If you would like to enter the competition, contact Jill Schemper or Autumn Dauer **by Sunday, October 15**.

Coats for Kids: The Sheldon Ministerial Association will be offering coats for kids again this fall! Your donations of clean children and youth size coats in good condition are needed! Donations can be dropped off at Love INC (611 Park Row) between now and October 27. Distribution events will be held on Monday, October 2 and Monday, November 6 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in connection with the food bank distribution night at Living Water Church.

Considering Our Mission: *Make every effort to avoid spreading gossip and complaining at work. If you consistently avoid these traps over the course of several years, your co-workers will respect your character regardless of how close you are as friends. Pray that you'll be given opportunities to explain how Jesus is the one who affects your character, that it's not just you trying to be good and moral. (Morrow 49)*

Featured book: Check out Becoming a Welcoming Church by Thom Rainer from the church library. The leadership team is currently reading this book together as we focus on what guests experience when they visit Immanuel. (Rainer is the Author of I Am a Church Member that we used for our small group study a few years back.)

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Cornerstone Prison Church in the Sioux Falls Penitentiary is facing greater restrictions. Pastoral visits with inmates previously allowed have been eliminated. All gatherings have been moved to afternoons causing the men to have to choose between work and worship, Bible study, or church leadership meetings. Pray for the inmates and for Pastor Scott as they navigate these changes. Pray for those making decisions to relax restrictions allowing Cornerstone and other church groups freedom to minister effectively.

Stacy Klein had an appointment scheduled for Thursday, September 21. Pray for a good report and that her healing will continue.

Lee Schemper learned this week that his leukemia has flared up and has become acute. Thursday he began ten days of intensive chemotherapy at Sanford in Sioux Falls and is expected to be hospitalized for about a month. Pray for Lee's health and strength as he undergoes these treatments. Pray that he is guarded from infection as his immune system is knocked down. Pray for Judy and the rest of the family as they seek to support him while dealing with the changes his hospitalization will bring about. Visitation will likely be possible, but quite limited, so please check with family before attempting to visit.

Remember Donna Poppema as she continues to rehab from hip replacement. **Don Damstra** as he continues therapy after his brain bleed. **Ed Griffioen** as he continues with treatment for prostate cancer. **Marla Sas** as she recovers from a broken arm and shoulder injury.

September 24, 2023
IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*THE CHURCH OFFICE is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Please submit all bulletin and announcement materials by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.*

Sheldon Christian

- **Music Makers:** This class will stimulate your child's emotional, social, and intellectual growth! This fall class is for 3 – 6 year-olds and will be held on six consecutive Mondays starting October 9. There are two time slots available. 3 and 4 year-olds will meet from 10:45-11:25 a.m. and 4 – 6 year-olds will meet from 11:30-12:10 p.m. This class will be held at Sheldon Christian School. Cost is \$30 per child. Register by calling 324-2429 or stopping in the school office.

Community Announcements

From the Dordt University Music Department: On September 28-30, eighty-five high school choral singers will be on campus at Dordt University for the 1st Annual Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend! Attendees come from seven states and from as far as Washington state and Indiana. Each of the students were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank is scheduled for Monday, October 2 at Living Water Community Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Sheldon Mom-to-Mom invites all moms, regardless of age, to come and study God's word together and to share in our motherly experiences. Mom-to-Mom is nondenominational and meets on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Faith Community Church in Sheldon. You are still welcome to join the next meeting on Wednesday, October 4. Childcare is provided. If you can't make it to the first meeting, consider coming as you are able. More dates are listed on a flyer on the Connections table.

Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music? If so, please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" on Friday, October 6. Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa beginning at 7:00 p.m. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. Also featured will be a six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise."