

## Salvation & Comfort

Romans 1:16-32; 3:10-18

Our Only Comfort:

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God is Righteous and \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. -Romans 3:21*

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. -Romans 3:23-24*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. -Romans 3:25*

Past (vs. 25):

Present (vs. 26):

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

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Grace \_\_\_ Righteous(ness) \_\_\_ Faith \_\_\_ Justice \_\_\_ Atonement \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

April 23, 2023

**Morning Worship:** This is week two in our short series on Sin, Salvation, and Service. According to the Heidelberg Catechism, these are the three things we need to know to live and die in the joy of the comfort of belonging to Jesus. Salvation – freedom from sin and death and hell – is found in Jesus Christ and in him alone. It is only through Jesus that God can remain perfect, holy, and righteous and also forgive our sin. Salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone.

*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:** The book of Esther is a wonderfully crafted piece of dramatic literature which recounts true events from the court of Persian Emperor, Xerxes. Tonight, we see the problem come to the fore. In retaliation for a perceived slight from Mordecai, the Jew, the emperor's top official sets out to kill all the Jews. Throughout history God's people, both Jews and Christians, have faced threats of annihilation. The questions we naturally ask are: Where is God and where do we find him in the face of such aggression?

### Announcements

**Children & Worship will dismiss this morning.** The lesson will be "God Delivers Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego". All children ages three through kindergarten are welcome!

**Youth Group** will be going to Top Golf in Sioux Falls for their last meeting on Wednesday, April 26! We will be leaving the Covenant House by 6:00 p.m. that evening and return around 10:15 p.m.

**Next Sunday** will be the final Sunday for Sunday school and Catechism meetings until next fall.

**GEMS Sunday:** Next Sunday evening we will celebrate the GEMS ministry. This is a joint ministry with First CRC and this year they will host a worship service beginning at 5:00 p.m. We would love for you to join us as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade GEMS lead us in worship and we'll see highlights from this year!

**Check your mailboxes!** Included with an education bulletin from VAM (Vida en Abundancia) is a letter explaining the upcoming trip to Mexico scheduled for May 4 – 9. Prayerfully consider contributing a monetary donation in the envelope provided to help fund this trip for Sandy Muyskens, Autumn Dauer, Cobi & Samantha Jones, and Jena Schouten as they are looking forward to build relationships and provide support to the local VAM leaders in Mexico. Envelopes may be put in the offering baskets during the morning worship service on April 30. For more information talk to Pastor Kevin or Autumn Dauer.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Thursday, May 4 you are invited observe the National Day of Prayer at 6:30 p.m. at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon. Bob Vander Plaats will be bringing a message for us on our theme "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much" taken from James 5:16b. The Sheldon Area Ministerial, RISE Ministries and Honor God Ministries are sponsoring this annual event.

### Prayer Praises & Concerns

**Keep praying for Sharon and Steve Holz.** Sharon is getting stronger every day. Pray that her recovery continues to progress, that the pain is tolerable, and for a complete return of strength and mobility without pain.

**Pray for those finishing the school year** to finish well. We think especially of college students facing exams in the next couple weeks and of seniors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders finishing their time in one school or building and moving on. May they finish their work and their relationships well.

### **Offering Schedule:**

Today: AM: Mission Faith Promise  
PM: Bethesda Christian Counseling  
Apr 30: AM: Sheldon GEMS Club  
PM: GEMS Girls Club (service at First CRC)

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

Today: Rachel R, Karyss M, Evie R  
Apr 30: Jena S, Macy W, Landan H

### **Morning Praise Team:**

Today: Kim Heemskerk, Kolby Heemskerk, Melissa Wiersma, Matthew Wiersma, David Wiersma  
Pianist: Trey Schemper  
Apr 30: Trey & Abby Schemper, Samantha Jones  
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar

### **Audio:**

Today: Cobi  
Apr 30: Adam

### **Video:**

Today: David  
Apr 30: Charlie

### **PowerPoint:**

Today: Dylan  
Apr 30: Matthew

### **Coffee Servers:**

Today: Brian Wieringa family, Roger Boer  
Apr 30: Tyler Schemper family

### **Children & Worship:**

Today: Shonna W, Michael W, Sam W  
Apr 30: Jill C, Tracy W, Joey W

### *This Week at Immanuel: April 23 – 29*

SUN:	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Catechism
	11:45 a.m.	Household of Faith C Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
TUE:	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
WED:	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group leaves for Top Golf outing