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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

— GATHERING —

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

☐ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ Amen.

☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth
is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and
just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☐ Most merciful God,

☑ **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

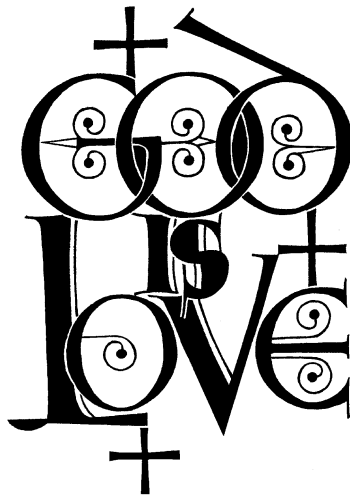
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**



1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes
Breaking our bread, giving us glory
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people
Gift of the future now flowing to me
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5. City of God, Easter forever
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb
River of life, saints and archangels
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

***GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE** (*Sung*)

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P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE, “This is the Feast”**

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P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

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**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.** (*Sung*)

☞ Let us pray together . . .

☞ **O God,**

**form the minds of your faithful people
into a single will.**

Make us love what you command

and desire what you promise,

that, amid all the changes of this world

our hearts may there be fixed

where true joy is found;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN, “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” (vv. 1 & 4) Hymn 130

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”

All on earth with angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Sing, ye heav’ns; and earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious king!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once he died our souls to save;

Where thy victory, O grave?

FIRST READING, Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. *(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

📖 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

📖 **My vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

📖 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

📖 **Those who seek him shall praise the Lord.**

May your hearts live forever!

📖 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;

📖 **And all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

📖 For dominion belongs to the Lord,

📖 **And he rules over the nations.**

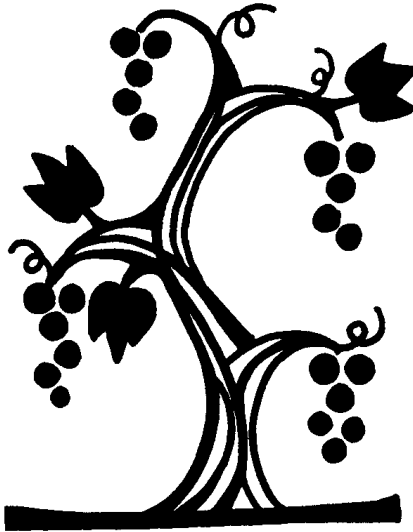
📖 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

📖 **Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.**

📖 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,

📖 **And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

(NRSV)



*I am the vine
you are the branches*

SECOND READING, 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

(*NRSV*)

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (v. 1)**

Hymn 128

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

***GOSPEL, John 15:1-8**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 *Jesus said:* “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (NRSV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (v. 2)**

Hymn 128

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer



1. Jesus, immutably the same,
Thou true and living vine,
Around thy all-supporting stem,
My feeble arms I twine.

2. Quicken'd by thee, and kept alive,
I flourish and bear fruit;
My life I from thy sap derive,
My vigor from thy root.

3. Grafted in thee, by grace alone,
In growth I daily rise,
And rais'd on this foundation stone,
My top shall reach the skies.

4. I can do nothing without thee;
My strength is wholly thine;
Wither'd and barren should I be,
If sever'd from the vine.

5. Upon my leaf, when parch'd with heat,
Refreshing dew shall drop;
The plant which thy right hand hath set,
Shall ne'er be rooted up.

6. Each moment water'd by thy care,
And fenc'd with power divine,
Fruit to eternal life shall bear
The feeblest branch of thine.

*This hymn was written by August M. Toplady (1740-1778)
who is best known for his hymn, “Rock of Ages.”*



**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
 G Hear our prayer.

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*HYMN, “*At the Lamb’s High Feast*” (vv. 1 & 7) Hymn 210

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
 Praise to our victorious king,
 Who has washed us in the tide
 Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Sung*) LBW Page 88

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER

P It is indeed right and salutary . . .
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**☐ In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who trust that Jesus is true to his promise — giving his body and blood with the bread and wine for you for the forgiveness of your sins — are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Page 92, “Lamb of God”

LBW Hymn 306, “Chief of Sinners though I Be”

LBW Hymn 143, “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LAMB OF GOD (*Sung*)

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**☩ Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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1. Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine.

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me — wondrous thought —
Found me when I sought him not.

3. Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4. Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is All-in-All to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

5. O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

1. Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

☐ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

☑ Amen.

**☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell ev’ryone what he has done.
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord
rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☩ O God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

*BLESSING

☩ The God of peace — who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant — make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

☩ Amen.

*DISMISSAL

☩ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

☩ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☩ Thanks be to God.

1. I long to serve my Savior,
to seek what’s good and right,
to trust and never waver,
to walk in truth and light.
But conduct pure and holy
requires a pow’r not mine;
a branch is fruitful only
when anchored in the vine.

2. There came, with grace unsparing,
a vine from heav’n above,
its branches meant for bearing
the fruits of selfless love.
This vine is Christ who offered
his life upon a tree;
for all my sin he suffered
and made a branch of me.

3. And so I’ll serve my Savior
with pow’r that he provides,
for he, my blest Redeemer,
within my soul abides.
The fruit of selfless giving
will grow by God’s design
as I, the branch, keep living
by faith in Christ the vine.

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Judy Haiwick	Felicity Kramer
Doris Richter	Violet Rost
Richard Sleep	Treonna Solbie
Guyla Baer Sturgeon	Paul Swisher
Carletta & Steve Vasknetz	Jack Wanstedt
David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)	
June Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Barb Benson (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Elwood Beulke (brother of Arnie Beulke)	
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire & Maxine Ripley)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
The Fischer family (friends of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)	
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)	
David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)	
Cayel Holmgren (grandson of Dick and Linda Horak)	
Eric Hunt (son of Ted & Dena Hunt)	
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)	
Kathy Jacobson (friend of Pastor David Baer)	
Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)	
Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa Loll)	
Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)	
Chet Murray (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)	
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)	
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)	
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley)	
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake)	
Lisa Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony & Alona Westberg)	
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)	

WE ARE PRAYING for the Zhuang people, an unreached people group in China, this year. There is a flier on the table in the library social room that explains more about this people and has some specific prayer suggestions.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church. This fund supports the North American Lutheran Seminary Network and provides financial support for those studying to be pastors. We also support a theological education scholarship fund in the Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming Mission District. You can learn more about the NALS at www.thenals.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

GREETING CARDS, napkins and cookbooks are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. They are available on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet for those who are unable to join us in person. You can join the service live at 9 a.m. on Sunday or watch the recording of the service at a later time. Links to the service are on our website, www.immanuellutheranwhitewoodsd.com. The bulletin is posted to the website prior to the live broadcast.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are available for those who would like them. Please talk to an usher to get a large-print bulletin.

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A PRAYER LIST is printed in the bulletin each week. If you have any additions to the list or corrections, please let Pastor David know.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Church Council
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. — Confirmation
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m. — Community Hymn Sing

A COMMUNITY HYMN SING FELLOWSHIP and potluck dinner is planned for 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Immanuel. The three churches of Whitewood will gather together for a time of hymn singing and special music followed by a potluck dinner.

NATHAN WESTBERG is entering the U.S. Air Force this week. After being sworn in on Tuesday in Sioux Falls, he will be going to basic training in Texas. He will be serving as a firefighter. Please keep Nathan in your prayers as he begins this new journey.

GRADUATES will be honored on Sunday, May 19. Please let Pastor David know of any 2024 high school or college graduates.

A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET is set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Whitewood Community Hall. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. For reservations call 605-645-2359.

SERVICE TEAM #2 is looking for volunteers to help with serving for worship during May. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

THANK YOU to everyone who brought supplies and helped make flood buckets for NALC Disaster Response. We completed 20 flood buckets and have delivered them to the collection site.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are served. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets at 10:25 a.m. today. Copies of the agenda are on the table in the library social room.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be held today because of the Church Council meeting this morning.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 3 through Grade 5.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our women's tea on Saturday. You helped make it a delightful event.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Barb Wanstedt. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection. The address for her husband Jack Wanstedt is 10905 Sourdough Road, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

CHECK OUT the improvements happening at the parsonage (the parsonage is around the corner from the church at 1317 Ash Street). They are in the process of installing new siding. This project was approved at our annual meeting.

THOSE OVER AGE 70½ have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).