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— 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.**

* HYMN, “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*” Hymn 144

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is ris’n this day;
Bring flow’rs of song to strew his way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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3. Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord,
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, 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.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

☩ **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:
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**

ℙ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.** *(Sung)*

ℙ Let us pray together . . .

☩ **Almighty and eternal God,
you have brought back from the dead
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
to call us into his flock through his word.
Send us your Holy Spirit,
so that we may hear the voice of the good Shepherd
and faithfully follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

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 4:1-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed, and they numbered about five thousand.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

(NRSV)

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

℣ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

☩ **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

℣ Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

☩ **For you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

℣ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

☩ **You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

℣ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

☩ **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.** *(ESV)*

SECOND READING, 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **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 10:11-18**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☐ *Jesus said:* “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.” (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

Bishop Dan Selbo

***HYMN, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW Hymn 456**

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his.
And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.



**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 345, “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

LBW Hymn 501, “He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought”

LAMB OF GOD (*Sung*)

LBW Page 92

**☩ 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. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away all fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart’s unrest;
’Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4. By thee my prayers acceptance gain
Although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
And I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

6. How weak thee effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I’ll praise thee as I ought.

7. Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

1. He leadeth me: O, blessed thought!
 Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
 Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
 still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
 By his own hand he leadeth me.
 His faithful foll'wer I would be,
 For by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
 Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
 By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
 Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *Refrain.*

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
 Nor ever murmur nor repine;
 Content, whatever lot I see,
 Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain.*

4. And when my task on earth is done,
 When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain.*



*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.

***HYMN, “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*”**

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.

2. We are yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

3. You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.

4. Early let us seek your favor,
Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. — Confirmation
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
Thursday	5:30 p.m. — Choir
Saturday	1:30 p.m. — Women's Tea
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

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.

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.

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.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping 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.

WE WELCOME BISHOP DAN SELBO of the North American Lutheran Church and his wife Mary to Immanuel today. Bishop Dan will be preaching for worship and available for conversation during Adult Sunday School.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. Today we will join in conversation with Bishop Dan Selbo. Everyone is encouraged to come.

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.

A WOMEN'S TEA is planned for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Immanuel. This year's tea will focus on Miriam, the sister of Moses. The event is free. Spread the word and invite women you know to our tea.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Wally Miller. Funeral services were on Monday at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

BARB WANSTEDT has begun hospice care. She and Jack are still living at Belle Estate Senior Living, 10905 Sourdough Road, Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Please keep Barb and Jack in your prayers.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Don Dubbe
Judy Haiwick
Doris Richter
Richard Sleep
Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Carletta & Steve Vasknetz
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)