



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

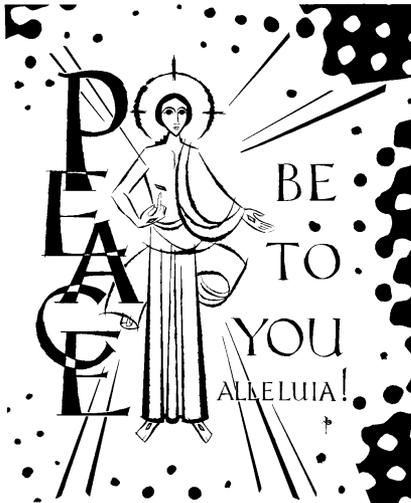
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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.**



1. O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear,
And said, “My peace be with you here.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GREETING

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

☑ **And also with you.**

*KYRIE (*Sung*)

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☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

☐ 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:
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.

C And also with you. (*Sung*)

P Let us pray together . . .

**C Almighty God,
with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord’s resurrection.
Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection
in all that we say and do;
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?

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (NRSV)

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.



MY
LORD
AND
MY
GOD!

PSALM 148

℣ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

☞ **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

℣ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

☞ **Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

℣ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

☞ **He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

℣ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

☞ **Fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

℣ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

☞ **Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

℣ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

☞ **Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

℣ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

☞ **He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

(NRSV)

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING, 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(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!

Christ the Lord is Risen!

***GOSPEL, John 20:19-31**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

🎉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (NRSV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

My Lord and My God!

***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 Baer

***HYMN, “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (vv. 5-9)**

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5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6. “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8. How blest are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days,
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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 131, “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

LBW Hymn 352, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
 Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia!
 Christ is risen from the dead!
 Gratefully our hearts adore him
 As his light once more appears;
 Bowing down in joy before him,
 Rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
 Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia!
 Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Christ is risen! All the sadness
 Of our Lenten fast is o'er;
 Through the open gates of gladness
 He returns to life once more;
 Death and hell before him bending
 See him rise, the victor now,
 Angels on his steps attending,
 Glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow
 That last evening round him lay
 Now has found a glorious morrow
 In the rising of today.
 See the grave its first-fruits giving,
 Springing up from holy ground;
 He was dead, but now is living;
 He was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never
 Death or hell shall us enthrall;
 Be we Christ's, in him forever
 We have triumphed over all.
 All the doubting and dejection
 Of our trembling hearts have ceased;
 Hail the day of resurrection!
 Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!

2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.

3. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

4. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

5. He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I’ll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*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.

*CANTICLE, “*Thank the Lord*”

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☑ 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.

— SENDING —

*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, “*Thine Is the Glory*”**

LBW Hymn 145

1. Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry
Thou o’er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry
Thou o’er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness,
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3. No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu’rors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above. *Refrain*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Judy Haiwick	Felicity Kramer
James “Wally” Miller	Doris Richter
Violet Rost	Richard Sleep
Treonna Solbie	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Carletta & Steve Vasknetz

Barb & 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)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 a.m. — Church Council
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. — Church Women
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. — Confirmation
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
Thursday	5:30 p.m. — Choir
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet briefly after worship today.

A COMMUNITY HYMN SING FELLOWSHIP and potluck dinner has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Immanuel.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to help with serving for worship during April. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

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.

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.

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 WOMEN will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. All women are welcome to be a part of this monthly meeting and study.

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Mona Balo and family on the death of her brother, Marvin Heggem. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hills View Evangelical Free Church in Piedmont. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

BISHOP DAN SELBO of the North American Lutheran Church will be at Immanuel on Sunday, April 21. He will be preaching for worship and available for conversation during Adult Sunday School. Please join us on April 21 for the opportunity to meet our bishop.

A WOMEN'S TEA is planned for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Immanuel. This year's tea will focus on Miriam. Spread the word and invite women you know to our annual women's tea.

WE ARE COLLECTING items for "flood buckets" for NALC Disaster Response. These "flood buckets" help those who have been impacted by disasters to clean up their homes and property. Items that are needed for the "flood buckets" include five-gallon buckets with lids; bleach (half gallon or smaller); contractor trash bags (3 mil); rags; scouring cleanser (like Comet); liquid cleaner (like Pine Sol); paper towels; scrub brush; and gloves (rubber, leather or cotton). Please bring items for the kits to the church by next Sunday.