

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LBW Hymn 128

1. 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!

2. 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!

3. Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. 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**

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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:
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**

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- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray together . . .
C **O God, merciful Father,
since you have wakened from death
the Shepherd of your sheep,
grant us your Holy Spirit
that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd
we may know him who calls us each by name
and follow where he leads;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “Psalm 23: A Psalm of Hope”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

1. “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.

4. 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 2:41-47

Those who welcomed Peter's message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (NRSV)

- The Word of the Lord.
- 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 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,

And no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (NRSV)

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN, “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (v. 1) Hymn 135**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done;

Now is the victor’s triumph won!

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



***GOSPEL, John 10:1-10**

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

🎤 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 *Jesus said:* “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord. *(NRSV)*

🎤 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN, “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (v. 5) Hymn 135**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death’s sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you, Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

Pastor David Baer

***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.**

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE, “*The Day of Resurrection*”** 495

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** **LBW Page 88**

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

***PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER**

***SANCTUS** **LBW Page 89**

**☒ 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

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☐ 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 covenant 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

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LAMB OF GOD

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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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who share this confession of faith 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 Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Page 92, "Lamb of God"

LBW Hymn 451, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

LBW Hymn 481, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LBW Hymn 501, "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought"

HYMN, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

LBW Hymn 451

1. The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake;
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup over-flows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup over-flows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

HYMN, “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LBW Hymn 481

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.

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.

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.

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.



HYMN, “He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought”

Hymn 501

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**

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☐ 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 everyone what he has done.
Let everyone 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, “With God As Our Friend”**

LBW Hymn 371

1. With God as our friend, with his Spirit, and Word,
All sharing together the feast of the Lord,
We face with assurance the dawn of each day
And follow the shepherd;
And follow the shepherd,
Whose voice we have heard and whose will we obey.

2. In perilous days, filled with storms and with fright,
A band marches on through thick gloom toward the light.
Not many, nor mighty, disowned by the world,
They follow their leader;
They follow their leader,
In confident faith, with their banners unfurled.

3. O Shepherd, abide with us, care for us still,
And lead us and guide us and teach us your will,
Until in your heavenly fold we shall sing
Our thanks and our praises;
Our thanks and our praises,
To God and the Lamb, our redeemer and king.

POSTLUDE



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Gary Andersen	Renae Besler
Barb Blue	Loren & Claudia Christensen
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Pastor Phillip Gagnon	Tracey Griebler
Judy Haiwick	Rob Hrabe
John Jorgenson	Bev Karlson
Felicity Kramer	Elizabeth Loughlin
Pastor Dotty Parfray	Doris Richter
Rosie Ridley	Claire Ripley
Connie Ross	Kathy Rost
Violet Rost	Ann Sogge
Treonna Solbie	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Gene Thompson	Carletta & Steve Vasknetz

Barb & Jack Wanstedt
David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)
Christina Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Lori Buck (cousin of Shelley Iverson)
Ron Burns (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)
Julia Davis (cousin of Shelley Iverson)
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)
Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)
Cayel Holmgren (grandson of Dick and Linda Horak)
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)
Lewis Johnson (friend of Sharon Stores)
Derrel Jorgenson (brother of John Jorgenson)
Ky J. Karlson (son of Bev Karlson)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa (Haiwick) Loll)
Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Melani Roewe (daughter of Renae Bessler)
David Routh (brother-in-law of John Iverson)
Nathan Sanders (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley)
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)
Tori Tetrault (young daughter of Tyler and Breynn Tetrault)
Kent Thomas (brother of Mary Tracy)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Robert Zuhr (brother in-law of Chris Burleson)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
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

A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET is set for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Whitewood Community Hall. This year's theme is "It's a Jungle Out There." Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Call Jackie at 605-645-2359 for reservations.

CLOTHE-A-KID registration for Whitewood is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, at Immanuel. Clothe-A-Kid is a program of Love INC and provides \$100 per child for shopping for back-to-school clothes for children entering kindergarten through Grade 8. Families commit to four hours of service to a church or community project as a part of the program. For more information call 605-206-3515 or go to loveinonline.com/sturgis-clothe-a-kid. Love INC is one of the ministries supported by your offerings to Immanuel.

MILLIE HUMPHREY will be celebrating her 100th birthday with an open house 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis. Everyone is invited.

A MISSION CRAFT SALE AND SILENT AUCTION is happening again this year. Proceeds will go to a designated ministry. Think about what you might be able to bring for the sale which will take place in November. Talk to Linda Beulke to learn more.

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

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 available. An offering is received to cover expenses.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. We are studying the Ten Commandments using a video study featuring Professor James Nestingen. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended LeRoy and Linda Sandidge and family on the death of their daughter, Laurie Hardin. Funeral services will be held on Saturday in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

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.

FINALIST CHAIRS being considered for the fellowship hall are available for review in the library social room. Please let a Chair Task Force member or a Church Council member know what you think and which chair you prefer. We thank the Chair Task Force for their work in helping us to obtain chairs that are easier to clean.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church. This fund supports the North American Lutheran Seminary and provides financial support for those studying to be pastors. We also support a seminary scholarship fund in the Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming Mission District to help those from our area go to seminary. 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.

