

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 7, 2023

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, “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

LBW Hymn 147

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the Conqueror, has gone,
Bright forerunner to the skies
Of his people, yet to rise.

2. Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
He who died our brother here
Lives our brother still on high.
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on his Church below.

3. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for you;
Joined to him, your living head,
Where he is, you shall be too;
With the Lord, at his right hand,
As a victor you shall stand.

4. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.

5. Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
And on earth his peace and love!

***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**

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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, 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 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

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 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died. *(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

℣ In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

☩ **Do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**

℣ Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

☩ **Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**

℣ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,

☩ **Take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

℣ Into your hand I commit my spirit;

☩ **You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

℣ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

☩ **Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.** *(NRSV)*

SECOND READING, 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy. *(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 14:1-14**

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☞ *Jesus said to his disciples:* “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

(*NRSV*)

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ **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, “You Are the Way”**

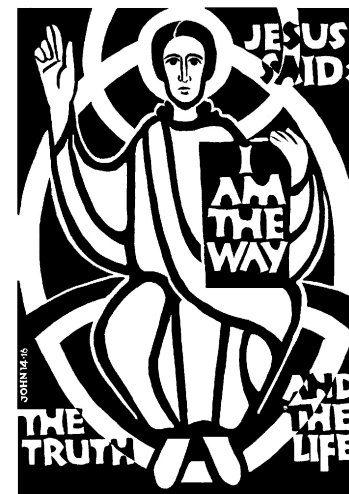
LBW Hymn 464

1. You are the way; through you alone
Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart, his will, his mind!

2. You are the truth; your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.

3. You are the life; the rending tomb
Proclaims your conqu’ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you
Not death nor hell shall harm.

4. You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.



**☩ 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*LBW Page 89**

☐ 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*LBW Page 91****LAMB OF GOD****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.**

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 352, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LBW Hymn 143, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

HYMN, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**LBW Hymn 352**

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!

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

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**

LBW Page 92

☐ 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 . . .”**

LBW Page 92

☑ **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, “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”**

Hymn 351

1. Oh, happy day when we shall stand
In heaven with the saved;
All peoples at the Lord’s right hand
Shall find their names engraved,
Shall find their names engraved.

2. Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come
And show himself as Lord,
And thousands meet in their new home
Which Jesus has prepared,
Which Jesus has prepared.

3. Oh, what a mighty rushing flood
Of joy and love and peace
Will roll down over us with good
And blessedness and grace,
And blessedness and grace.

4. God, may Thy bounteous grace inspire
Our hearts so that we may
All join the heav'nly, white-robed choir
Upon that glorious day,
Upon that glorious day.

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 Will Olsen	Pastor Dotty Parfray
Doris Richter	Rosie Ridley
Claire Ripley	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)	
Cody Cooper (seminarian, friend of Pastor David Baer)	
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)	
People of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York, N.Y.	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. — Women's Bible Study
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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. All women are welcome. A short meeting will follow.

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.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Friends of Madagascar Mission. Friends of Madagascar Mission works in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Madagascar to strengthen their mission and ministry. The Malagasy Lutheran Church has 3 million members and is one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world. Our gifts support two ministries chosen by the Church in Madagascar: prison ministry and feeding ministry at a hospital. Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Africa. Two-thirds of the population lives below the international poverty line of \$1.25 (U.S.) a day. You can learn more about their ministry at www.madagascarmission.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 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 Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion 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 to LeRoy and Linda Sandidge and family on the death of their daughter, Laurie Hardin. Funeral services were held on Saturday in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to David Wanhannen and family on the death of his brother, Larry Wanhannen. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at Kinkade Funeral Home in Sturgis. 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.

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.

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.