

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, “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright” LBW Hymn 438

Tune: “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

1. Lord, teach us how to pray aright, 480
With rev’rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
We may, we must draw near.

2. We perish if we cease from prayer;
Oh, grant us pow’r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare,
Lord, meet us on our way.

3. Give deep humility; the sense
Of godly sorrow give;
A strong, desire, with confidence,
To hear your voice and live;

4. Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
On Christ, on Christ alone.

5. Give these, and then your will be done;
Thus strengthened with all might,
We, through your Spirit and your Son,
Shall pray, and pray aright.

*GREETING

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

☞ **And also with you.**

*LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

P Our Father who art in heaven.
What does this mean?

C Here God encourages us to believe
that he is truly our Father
and we are his children.
We therefore are to pray to him with complete confidence
just as children speak to their loving father.

P What does "Amen" mean?

C Amen means: Yes, it shall be so.
We say Amen because we are certain
that such petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven
and are heard by him.
For he himself has commanded us to pray in this way
and has promised to hear us.

*Explanation of the Lord's Prayer
from Martin Luther's Small Catechism*

*HYMN, "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" LBW Hymn 441 Tune: "Abide With Me"

1. Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, 272
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only you can teach me how to pray.

2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
Help me to see your purpose and your will,
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
Held in forgiving love, let me be still.

3. Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear
Of human need; oh, give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured:
My life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together . . .

C O Lord,
let your merciful ears be attentive
to the prayers of your servants
and by your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray
that our petitions may be pleasing before you;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN, "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW Hymn 474

1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

FIRST READING, Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

(NRSV)

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.



PSALM 138

- ℣ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
☩ **Before the gods I sing your praise;**
℣ I bow down toward your holy temple
☩ **And give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**
℣ For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
☩ **On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.**
℣ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
☩ **For they have heard the words of your mouth.**
℣ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
☩ **For great is the glory of the LORD.**
℣ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
☩ **But the haughty he perceives from far away.**
℣ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
☩ **You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**
℣ You stretch out your hand,
☩ **And your right hand delivers me.**
℣ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
☩ **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

(NRSV)

WHEN
THEY
CALL
ON
ME
I
WILL
ANSWER
SAYS
THE
LORD

PSALM 91:15

SECOND READING, Colossians 2:6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. *(NRSV)*

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN, “*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray*” (vv. 1-2)

Tune: “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

1. Lord, teach us how to pray 368
As once the Twelve you taught,
For we can never find the words
To praise you as we ought.

2. Lord, teach us how to pray
When hearts are dull and dead,
Or when we feel no thirst for you
And faith, once firm, has fled.

*GOSPEL, Luke 11:1-13

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☒ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” *(NRSV)*

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN, “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray” (vv. 3-5)**

Tune: “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” 368

3. Lord, teach us how to pray
When cares distract the mind.
Help us to wait in quietness,
A calmer spirit find.

4. Lord, teach us how to pray;
Rekindle faith’s bright flame,
Until our faith leaps up again
To speak and praise your name.

5. Lord, teach us how to pray
Remind us day by day
That you wait eagerly to hear
Before we think to pray.

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer

***HYMN, “In Holy Conversation”**

Tune: “Thy Holy Wings”

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1. In holy conversation
We speak to God in prayer,
And at his invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, his will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.

2. These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens
To ev’ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways he knows are best.

3. As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev’ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

***SONG, “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

Hymn 775

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace. *(Repeat)*

***THE PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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***BLESSING**

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***HYMN, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

LBW Hymn 439

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear —
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You wilt find a solace there.

POSTLUDE

Martin Luther on the Lord's Prayer

We should be encouraged and drawn to pray because, in addition to this commandment and promise, God takes the initiative and puts into our mouths the very words and approach we are to use. In this way we see how deeply concerned he is about our needs, and we should never doubt that such prayer pleases him and will assuredly be heard. So this prayer is far superior to all others that we might devise ourselves. . . . Thus there is no nobler prayer to be found on earth, for it has the powerful testimony that God loves to hear it. This we should not trade for all the riches in the world.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Renaes Besler	Loren Christensen
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Bev Karlson	Felicity Kramer
Rosie Ridley	Claire Ripley
Kathy Rost	Violet Rost
Ann Sogge	Treonna Solbie
Joe Taggart	Steve Vasknetz
Barb & Jack Wanstedt	Del Zambon
Christina Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Lori Buck (cousin of Shelley Iverson)	
Ron Burns (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)	
Rita Claven (friend of Rita Shewmake)	
Julia Davis (cousin of Shelley Iverson)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Chris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Pastor Bert Eldridge (friend of Pastor David Baer)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)	
Pastor Phillip Gagnon (friend of Pastor David Baer)	
Barb Haskell (mother of Mark Tracy)	
Cindy Hoffman (sister of Linda Grams)	
Brenda Hunt (daughter in-law of Carol Vercoe)	
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)	
Christina Iverson (brother of Jon Iverson)	
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)	
Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)	
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)	
Tom Porter (cousin in-law of Joanne Baer, Tony & Toby Rath)	
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)	
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)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Vacation Bible School (July 24-28)	

LWR School Kit Shopping List

School supplies are being gathered for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Back-to-school sales are a great time to pick up school supplies for LWR school kits. Please bring the items to the church by Sunday, August 28.

Items that are needed for the kits and typical back-to-school sale prices are:

Spiral notebooks (70 sheet)

Wide or College ruled - Approximately 8" x 10½"

Good price: 25¢ (2022 best price is 35¢)

Blunt School Scissors

Good price: 50¢

Ruler with centimeters

Good price: 25¢ (2022 best price is 50¢)

Crayons (box of 24)

Good price: 25¢ (50¢ for U.S.-made Crayola)

Large eraser (about 2½-inches)

Good price: 25¢ each (typical 2 for 50¢)

Ballpoint pens (black or blue) (no gel ink)

Good price: 8-10¢ each (typical 10 for \$1)

Pencils (unsharpened)

Good price: 5¢ each (typical 24 for \$1)

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY. If you have a new address or phone number or if there are other changes you'd like on your page in our church directory, please get those changes to Linda Beulke or Pastor David. If you'd like a new photo, you can get that to them too. If you worship at Immanuel, we'd like you to be in our directory. Remember that our directory is loose leaf so that we can update it regularly.

A WORK DAY is planned for Sunday, Aug. 21. If you can, please plan to stay after worship that day to help with some work projects in and around our church building. Work Day will conclude with a potluck dinner at noon.

2022 NALC MISSION CONVOCATION will be taking place online 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. MDT on Friday, Aug. 5. Immanuel is entitled to one lay delegate. Pastor David also serves as a delegate. If you are interested in representing Immanuel at this meeting, please talk to Pastor David. You can learn more about the convocation online at lutheranweek.com. The convocation will also be live streamed for those who would like to watch it.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the World Mission Prayer League and specifically the ministry of Charles and Anita Jackson. The World Mission Prayer League exists to see that populations with limited or no access to the Gospel experience the love of Christ and that believers and communities of believers in the Americas and elsewhere engage in active and collaborative participation in living out their roles in the great commission. Charles and Anita Jackson serve in WMPL Canada. Charles is the Executive Director of WMPL Canada and Anita works with Prayer Mobilization and Communications. Charles and Anita have served with WMPL since 2001 first in Kenya and then in Mongolia. They began to serve in the WMPL Canada home office in 2018. WMPL is a Lutheran community committed to know Christ, pray for the advance of his kingdom, share the Gospel and ourselves with those who do not know him; and encourage Christians everywhere in this global task. You can learn more about WMPL at wmpl.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. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday at Oak Park for children preschool through sixth grade. We are working together with the other churches of Whitewood for VBS. We are looking for helpers for VBS in a variety of areas. Please let Pastor David know if you might be able to help and be sure to invite any children you know to VBS.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being gathered for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Back-to-school sales are a great time to pick up school supplies for LWR school kits. Items that are needed for the kits are: spiral notebooks (70 sheet), pencils, pens, large erasers, crayons (box of 24), pencil sharpeners, rulers with centimeters, and blunt scissors. Please bring the items to the church by Sunday, Aug. 28, when we will be putting together the kits.

FREE BOOKS are available on the counter in the library social room. Tony and Alona Westberg are culling their library. Take a look and take home any books that are of interest to you.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve on Sundays during August. Please consider ways that you can serve this month. Both service teams are scheduled to serve in August. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

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