

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, “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LBW Hymn 401

1. Before you, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise to you, our king!

2. The nation you have blest
May well your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by your care.
For this bright day, for this fair land —
Gifts of your hand — our thanks we pay.

3. May ev’ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue be tuned to praise
And join to raise a grateful song.

4. Earth, hear your Maker’s voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship him alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
And bow before the Crucified.

5. And when in pow’r he comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing
To heav'n's high king salvation's song!

***GREETING**

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ℙ 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.

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***KYRIE**

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ℙ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ Lord, have mercy.

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

☩ 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.

☩ Lord, have mercy.

ℙ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ Lord, have mercy.

ℙ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

☩ Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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ℙ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

ℙ Let us pray together . . .

**☩ Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray
and always ready to give
more than we either desire or deserve.
Pour down on us the abundance of your mercy;
forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid;
and give us those good things
for which we are not worthy to ask
except by the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE, “Glory to God”**

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ℙ Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**☩ Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

CHOIR, “Take it to the Lord in Prayer”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN, “Jesus Loves Me”

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

FIRST READING, Genesis 4:1-15

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. And Abel also brought an offering — fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”
“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.

℣ The Word of the Lord. (NIV)

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 5

℣ Give ear to my words, O LORD;
give heed to my sighing.

☩ **Listen to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.**

℣ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

☩ **In the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.**

℣ For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil will not sojourn with you.

☩ **The boastful will not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.**

℣ You destroy those who speak lies;

☩ **The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.**

℣ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house,

☩ **I will bow down toward your holy temple
in awe of you.**

℣ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;

☩ **Make your way straight before me.**

℣ For there is no truth in their mouths;
their hearts are destruction;

☩ **Their throats are open graves;
they flatter with their tongues.**

℣ Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;

☩ **Because of their many transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.**

℣ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.

☩ **Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may exult in you.**

℣ For you bless the righteous, O LORD;

☩ **You cover them with favor as with a shield.** (NRSV)

SECOND READING, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes: As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *(NRSV)*

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN, “*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*” (vv. 1-2) LBW Hymn 309

1. Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From selfish passions set me free
And make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest.

*GOSPEL, Luke 18:9-14

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☒ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

(NRSV)

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN, “*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*” (vv. 3-4) LBW Hymn 309

3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share your joy at last.

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer

***HYMN, “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”**

LBW Hymn 296

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

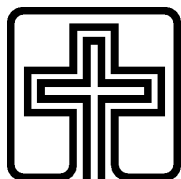
2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



***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

***OFFERTORY, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”** **LBW Page 96**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***THE PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER** **LBW Page 97**

***BLESSING** **LBW Page 97**

℟ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

***HYMN, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LBW Hymn 294**

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Renae Besler	Loren & Claudia Christensen
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Bev Karlson	Felicity Kramer
Rosie Ridley	Claire Ripley
Kathy Rost	Violet Rost
Ann Sogge	Treonna Solbie
Guyla Sturgeon	Steve Vasknetz
Carol Vercoe	Barb & Jack Wanstedt
Del Zambon	
Lisa Arnio Porisch (niece of Bill & Chris Burleson)	
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)	
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)	
Pastor Phillip Gagnon (friend of Pastor David Baer)	
Cindy Hoffman (sister of Linda Grams)	
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)	
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)	
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)	
Ky J. Karlson (son of Bev Karlson)	
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)	
Melani Roewe (daughter of Renae Bessler)	
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)	
Robert Zuhr (brother in-law of Chris Burleson)	

A HOBO STEW FEED will be held 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the Sturgis Community Center. Cost is \$10 for all you can eat Hobo Stew. This is a fund-raiser by the Sturgis Kiwanis Club. All proceeds benefit local youth programs.

A SOUP SUPPER is planned for 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Whitewood Senior Center. Soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and cookies will be served. This is a fundraiser for the Whitewood Senior Center. They are raising money for a new roof and windows.

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held 7 a.m. to 12 noon next Sunday (Oct. 30) at the Whitewood Fire Hall (across the parking lot from the church). This is a fund-raiser for the Whitewood Volunteer Fire Department.

A BAKE SALE with a pie and coffee social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood.

HOMEMADE CARMEL ROLLS are served 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Whitewood Senior Center.

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. Please pay Shelley Iverson for your purchases.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is NALC Disaster Response, the disaster response ministry of the North American Lutheran Church. NALC Disaster Response works primarily with and through local congregations to assist those in their area impacted by disasters. NALC Disaster Response provides funds to respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur, alleviate human suffering, provide transitional assistance, and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. NALC Disaster Response also helps congregations and mission districts prepare for disasters. Disaster Response warehouses gather supplies to have materials ready when disasters strike. You can learn more about NALC Disaster Response at thenalc.org/disaster. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. — Confirmation
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
Thursday	5:30 p.m. — Choir
	6:30 p.m. — Light Supper
	7:00 p.m. — Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to serve on Sundays during November. Members are encouraged to volunteer for these ways of serving. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE is among those responding to those impacted by Hurricane Ian in Florida. You can learn more about the response and donate online at thenalc.org. You may also designate a gift through our congregation and we will forward it to NALC Disaster Response.

THANK YOU to all of you for your good wishes as I turned 80 last week. I truly appreciate the greetings, cards, phone calls, cake, and song. I am blessed to be a part of Immanuel. — Dorothy Pulscher

CONGRATULATIONS to Whitewood Elementary School on being named a 2022 National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Distinguished School. Whitewood Elementary was recognized for exceptional student performance. Members of Immanuel Brit Porterfield is the principal and Julie Mollman, Jennifer Porterfield and Ginger Smith are teachers at Whitewood Elementary. The school will be honored at the National ESEA Conference in February. Only two schools in South Dakota were honored.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at about 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. We are using a video study called “The New Testament in Its World.” featuring New Testament scholars N. T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. Everyone is encouraged to come for this opportunity to grow in faith.

A MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We are studying the four Gospels this year. We will be comparing the Gospels and seeing how each one tells the story of Jesus. Everyone is encouraged to join us this opportunity to grow in faith. A light supper precedes the study at 6:30 p.m.

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. For more information about Kids Club or to volunteer to help with Kids Club, talk to Brit Porterfield or Pastor David.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES for 2022 are available on the table in the library social room. These updates include new addresses and phone numbers submitted since our last update. Our directory is loose leaf so that we can update it regularly. Add these pages to your directory at home and remove any that are outdated. New complete directories are also available.

2022 ELECTION INFORMATION is available on a table in the social room. There are sample ballots for Lawrence and Meade Counties. There is also a pamphlet with pro and con positions on the ballot proposals. You may vote early at your county court house.

WE ARE REVIEWING our mission giving in preparation for our 2023 budget. If you have any suggestions for ministries that should be included in our giving or any suggested changes in our current giving, please talk to a Church Council member or Pastor David.

WE SUPPORT CHRIST’S MISSION beyond our congregation by giving 31 percent of regular (undesignated) offerings to ministries beyond Immanuel. 7 percent of our offerings are given to the North American Lutheran Church, our church body. 3 percent supports the NALC Theological Education Fund and the North American Lutheran Seminary. One percent each supports Pastor Valery Hryhoryk, an NALC missionary in Belarus, and Pastor Charles and Anita Jackson, NALC missionaries now serving the World Mission Prayer League in Canada. 1 percent each goes to two NALC mission congregations: Emmanuel Lutheran in Rochester, Minn., and Genesis Lutheran in Piedmont, S.D. The remaining 17 percent is divided between: Bella Pregnancy Center, China Service Ventures, Churches Care for Whitewood, Friends of Madagascar Mission, Global Health Ministries, Love INC (Sturgis), Lutheran CORE, Lutheran World Relief, Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota, NALC Disaster Response, NALC Great Commission Fund, NALC Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming Mission District, St. Dymas Prison Congregations, Salvation Army (Northern Hills), Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Northern Hills), Water Mission, Whitewood Food Pantry, and our Special Local Mission Fund.

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