

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” LBW Hymn 467

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4. Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my bosom be borne.

*GREETING

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☞ 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, “Glory to God”**

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

***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 **Lord God,
so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit
that, always keeping in mind the end of all things
and the day of judgment,
we may be stirred up to holiness of life here
and may live with you forever in the world to come,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “Follow the Way of the Lord”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHILDREN’S SONG, “Jesus Loves Me”

- 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.
- Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in.

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Malachi 4:1-6

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

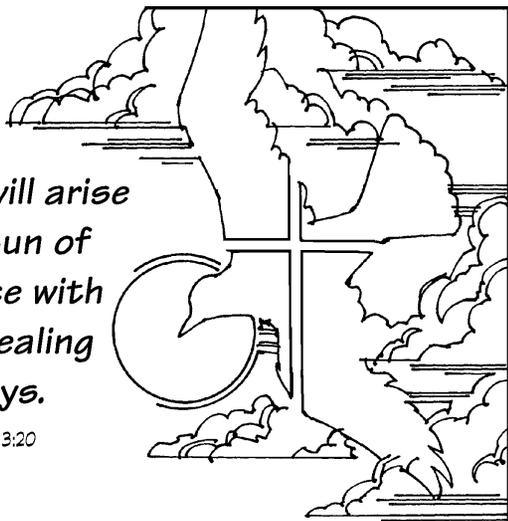
(NIV)

Ⓛ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*There will arise
the sun of
justice with
its healing
rays.*

Mal 3:20



PSALM 98

Ⓛ Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

☑ **His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

Ⓛ The LORD has made known his salvation;

☑ **He has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

Ⓛ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

☑ **All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Ⓛ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

☑ **Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

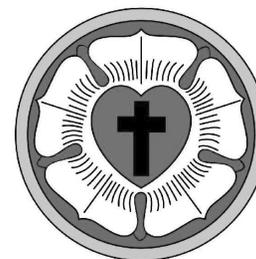
Ⓛ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

☑ **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

Ⓛ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

☑ **He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

(ESV)



SECOND READING, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good. (NIV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "Come . . . O Quickening Spirit" (vv. 1-2) Hymn 478

1. Come, oh, come, O quickening Spirit,
God before the dawn of time!
Fire our hearts with holy ardor,
Blessed Comforter sublime!
Let your radiance fill our night,
Turning darkness into light.

2. Only that which you desire
Be our object; with your hand
Lead our ev'ry thought and action,
Let them be at your command.
All our sinfulness erase
With the increase of your grace.

*GOSPEL, Luke 21:5-19

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life." (NIV)

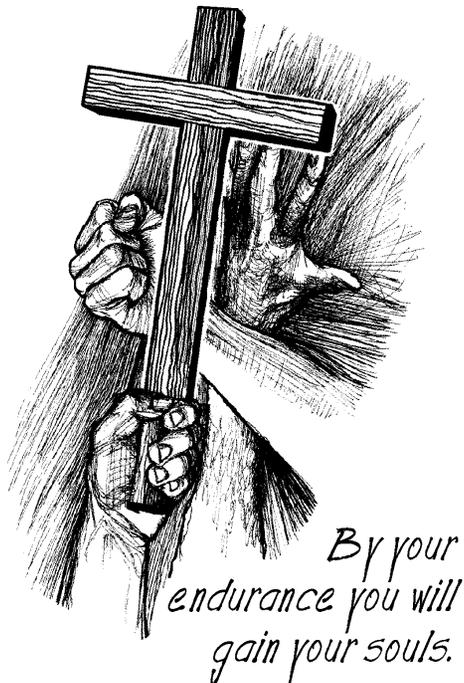
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3. Blessed Spirit, still renewing
All who dwell upon the earth,
When the evil one assails us
Help us prove our heav'nly birth;
Arm us with your mighty sword
In the legions of the Lord.

4. Help us keep the faith forever;
Let not Satan, death or shame
Draw us from thee, or deprive us
Of the honor of thy Name.
When the foe would lure us hence,
Be thou, God, our sure defence.

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer



*By your
endurance you will
gain your souls.*

*HYMN, "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" Hymn 355

1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
Stepping fearless through the night.

2. One the light of God's own presence
On his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

3. One the strain that lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun.
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

4. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
Onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
Till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
Soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
And the end of toil and gloom.

***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

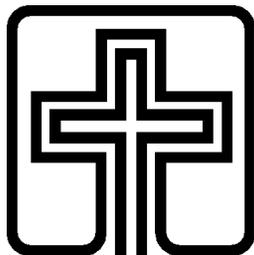
and is seated at the right hand the Father.

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

LBW Hymn 241, "We Praise You, O God," is sung as the offerings are received.



HYMN, "We Praise You, O God"

LBW Hymn 241

1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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

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***BLESSING**

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☐ 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.
☑ Amen.

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***HYMN, “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

LBW Hymn 25

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The bridegroom is at hand.

3. The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'ring bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
Their diadems of gold.

4. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

POSTLUDE

GIVE A POINSETTIA to add beauty to our sanctuary for our celebration of Advent and Christmas. You may provide your own poinsettia or give a gift of money and the congregation will purchase poinsettias for you. Please return a blue poinsettia gift form (available on the table in the social room) so that we can acknowledge your gift in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

WHITEWOOD FESTIVAL OF TREES is on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Whitewood Community Hall. Preview begins at 5 p.m. with the auction starting at 6:30 p.m. The festival is sponsored by the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce and the 8-10 Club.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP: Whitewood Senior Center is hosting a workshop for children (ages 6-12) to make presents for their family on Saturdays, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, from noon to 3 p.m. Call 605-722-3859 to be added to the workshop list or for more information. Craft supplies are needed, see the list 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.

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO features sacred music. Listen on your smart speaker, smart phone or computer. You can listen or learn more at lutheranpublicradio.org.

THOSE OVER AGE 70½ have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information.

RESPONDING TO CRISIS IN UKRAINE are three of the ministries we support through your regular offerings to Immanuel: Lutheran World Relief, Spiritual Orphans Network and Water Mission. You can learn more about their efforts on their websites and give directly to each organization or designate a gift through Immanuel and we will forward it to them.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Gary Andersen
Loren Christensen
Lenae Ebel
Tracey Griebler
Bev Karlson
Rosie Ridley
Connie Ross
Violet Rost
Treonna Solbie
Steve Vasknetz
Barb & Jack Wanstedt
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)
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)
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)
Darrel Jorgenson (brother of John Jorgenson)
Ky J. Karlson (son of Bev Karlson)
Callie Kvanvig (16-month old 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)
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)

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Churches Care for Whitewood. Churches Care with Whitewood is a cooperative effort of the three churches of Whitewood to care for those in need in the Whitewood area. We provide emergency aid to individuals and families and hope to provide ongoing support and education to help them make good decisions for their future. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

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, the North American Lutheran Seminary and a Mission District Scholarship Fund. 2 percent supports the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia following flooding there. 1 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 remainder 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, and the Whitewood Food Pantry.

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.

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.

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
	6:15 p.m. — Church Council
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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is an opportunity to share God's love with a child by purchasing items to fill a shoe box as a Christmas gift. The shoe boxes are then shipped to needy children around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Please return your shoe box gift to the church by Sunday, Nov. 20. For more information on Operation Christmas Child go to www.samaritanspurse.org.

STURGIS FESTIVAL OF TREES is on Friday, Nov. 18, at First Interstate Bank. Preview begins at 5:30 p.m. with the auction starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Admission charge and auction support local charities.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to serve on Sundays during November. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

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. New complete directories are also available.

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.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given in memory of Wayne Kunz whose birthday is today.

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.

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.

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.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP is at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov 24). Please make giving thanks to God a significant part of your Thanksgiving.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE is among those responding to recent hurricanes. 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.