

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ the King Sunday

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW Page 77

☞ 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, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LBW Hymn 170

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the virgin’s Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love —  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,  
The potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity.

**\*GREETING**

**LBW Page 78**

☐ 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**

**LBW Page 78**

☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

☐ 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.**

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

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

☑ **Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE, "This is the Feast"**

**LBW Page 81**

☐ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

☑ **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**

**LBW Page 82**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray together . . .

☑ **Almighty and everlasting God,  
whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son,  
whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation:  
Grant that all the people of the earth,  
now divided by the power of sin,  
may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 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, Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."  
*(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 46

℣ God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

☩ Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains  
be toppled into the depths of the sea;

℣ Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

☩ The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

℣ There is a river whose streams  
make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

☩ God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.

℣ The nations make much ado,  
and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

☩ The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

℣ Come now and look upon the works of the LORD;  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

☩ It is he who makes wars cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
and burns the shields with fire.

℣ "Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

☩ The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*(BCP / LBW)*



## SECOND READING, Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

📖 The Word of the Lord. (NRSV)

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## \*HYMN, “*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*” (vv. 1-2) LBW Hymn 171

1. Rejoice, the Lord is king!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Our Savior Jesus reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## \*GOSPEL, Luke 23:33-43

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (NRSV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN, “*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*” (vv. 3-4) LBW Hymn 171

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv’n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4. He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit  
And bow to his command  
And fall beneath his feet: *Refrain.*

\*HYMN, *“The Head That Once Was Crowned”* LBW Hymn 173

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty victor’s brow.

2. The highest place that heav’n affords  
Is his by sov’ reign right,  
The King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
And heav’n’s eternal light.

3. The joy of all who dwell above,  
The joy of all below  
To whom he manifests his love,  
And grants his name to know;

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is giv’n;  
Their name, an everlasting name,  
Their joy, the joy of heav’n.

5. They suffer with their Lord below:  
They reign with him above;  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The myst’ry of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to him;  
His people’s hope, his people’s wealth,  
Their everlasting theme!

**☒ 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

HYMN, “*You Servants of God*”

LBW Hymn 252

1. You servants of God, your master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

2. Our God rules on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore and give him his right,  
All glory and pow’r and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

\*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.**

\*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.**

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LBW Page 90

☐ Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for all fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.  
We thanks to you for the salvation  
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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**

**☩ Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**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 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 328, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
LBW Hymn 514, "O Savior, Precious Savior"  
LBW Hymn 518, "Beautiful Savior"

**HYMN, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LBW Hymn 328**

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all.

3. O seed of Israel's chosen race  
Now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all.

4. Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call —  
The God incarnate, man divine —  
And crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine —  
And crown him Lord of all.

5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.

6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.

7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.



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## HYMN, "O Savior, Precious Savior"

LBW Hymn 514

1. O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above:  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.

2. O Bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought:  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.

3. In thee all fulness dwelleth,  
All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our glorious Lord and King.

4. Oh, grant the consummation  
Of this our song above,  
In endless adoration  
And everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless thee  
Where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess thee,  
Our Savior and our King!



**HYMN, “Beautiful Savior” (vv. 1-2)**

**LBW Hymn 518**

1. Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee,  
Truly I’d serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!



**\*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, “Thankful hearts and voices . . .”** **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**

**LBW Page 94**

☐ We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
☑ **Amen.**

— **SENDING** —

**\*BLESSING**

**LBW Page 95**

☐ 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.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**LBW Page 95**

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN, "Lift High the Cross"**

**LBW Hymn 377**

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**POSTLUDE**

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**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. Proceeds support their work.

**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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Gary Andersen	Renae Besler
Chris Burleson	Loren Christensen
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Pastor Phillip Gagnon	Tracey Griebler
Bob Haiwick	Rob Hrabec
Bev Karlson	Felicity Kramer
Rosie Ridley	Claire Ripley
Connie Ross	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)	
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)	
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)	
Kent Thomas (brother of Mary Tracy)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Robert Zuhr (brother in-law of Chris Burleson)	
Those traveling for Thanksgiving celebrations	

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

<b>Today</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving Worship
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Church Decorating

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**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. Today is the last day to return your shoe box gift here at Immanuel. If you forgot your gift today, there are locations in Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Rapid City that can receive the gifts through tomorrow. For more information on Operation Christmas Child go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

**WE ARE GATHERING** clothing and shoes for the Whitewood Elementary School as an Advent and Christmas project. Please bring any gifts for the school to the church during the Advent season. Some gift ideas include sox, shoes, boots, gloves, mittens, underwear, sweat pants, shirts, coats, snow pants, and anything that a child might need.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** from the NALC are available on the table in the library social room. You can also download them as an ebook or request daily emails to text messages at [www.thenalc.org/advent](http://www.thenalc.org/advent). You can watch a video recording of the devotional each day at [www.facebook.com/thenalc](http://www.facebook.com/thenalc).

**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.

**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.



**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** is at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us as we give thanks to God and make your Thanksgiving Day about giving thanks. Please invite visiting family and friends.

**WE WILL BE DECORATING** our church building for Advent and Christmas following worship next Sunday. Please plan to stay and join in the decorating fun.

**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.

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