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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

— GATHERING —

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.

☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth
is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and
just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

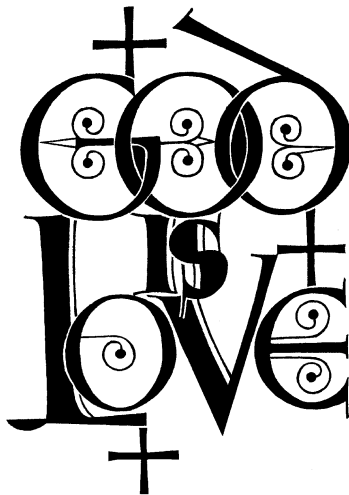
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

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.**



1. Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



ALLELUIA

***GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE** (*Sung*)

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P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

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

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

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

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

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**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.** (*Sung*)

☐ Let us pray together . . .

☑ **O God, from whom all good things come:
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit
to think those things which are right,
and by your goodness help us to do them;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “*I Love You, Lord*”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN, “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” (vv. 1 & 4) Hymn 130

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”

All on earth with angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Sing, ye heav’ns; and earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious king!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once he died our souls to save;

Where thy victory, O grave?

FIRST READING, Acts 10:34-48

Then Peter began to speak to *Cornelius and those with him*: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. (NRSV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.



PSALM 98

℣ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

☩ **His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

℣ The LORD has made known his victory;

☩ **He has revealed his vindication 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 victory 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 live in it.

☩ **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.**

℣ He will judge the world with righteousness,

☩ **And the peoples with equity.**

(NRSV)

UBILATE DEO
Shout joyfully to God,
all the earth, sing a psalm
to the glory of his name
ALLELUJA

SECOND READING, 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

(NRSV)

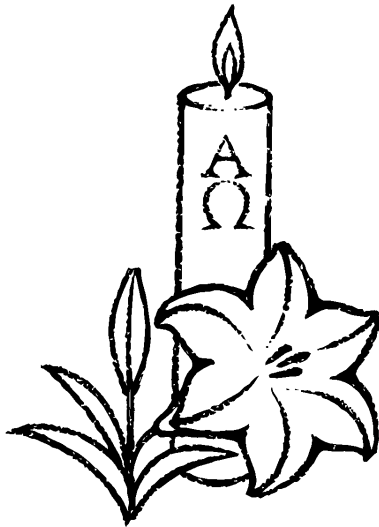
☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN, “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” (v. 1)

Hymn 128

Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!



***GOSPEL, John 15:9-17**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 *Jesus said:* “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” (NRSV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (v. 2)**

Hymn 128

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!

Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!

Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer



1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you;
That, I know, could never be,
For this heart would still refuse you
Had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me,
Cleansing me to be your own;
For this purpose you ordained me,
That I live for you alone.

2. It was grace in Christ that called me,
Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To your heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above you;
For your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love you,
You, O Father, loved me first.

3. Praise the God of all creation,
Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration
To the great Jehovah give.

— *Josiah Conder (1789-1855)*

**YOU
HAVE NOT
CHOSEN
ME:‡
I HAVE
CHOSEN
YOU:‡**

**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.

Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
 G Hear our prayer.

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*HYMN, “*At the Lamb’s High Feast*” (vv. 1 & 7) Hymn 210

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
 Praise to our victorious king,
 Who has washed us in the tide
 Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Sung*) LBW Page 88

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER

P It is indeed right and salutary . . .
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**☐ 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 testament 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**

**☩ 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who trust that Jesus is true to his promise — giving his body and blood with the bread and wine for you for the forgiveness of your sins — 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 Holy Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Page 92, "Lamb of God"

LBW Hymn 439, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

LBW Hymn 356, "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

LBW Hymn 551, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

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.**



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 will find a solace there.

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1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
The fount of life, the light of all:
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
You plead with all to call on you;
To those who seek you, you are good;
To those who find you, life is new.

3. We taste you, ever-living bread,
And long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountain-head;
Our thirsting souls from you we fill.

4. For you our restless spirits yearn,
Where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your smile on us you turn,
Blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

5. O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.



1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!



***COMMUNION BLESSING**

☒ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

☒ Amen.

☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell ev’ryone what he has done.
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord
rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☩ O God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

*BLESSING

☩ The God of peace — who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant — make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

☩ Amen.

*DISMISSAL

☩ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

☩ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☩ Thanks be to God.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

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| Claudia Christensen | Don Dubbe |
| Lenae Ebel | Judy Haiwick |
| Felicity Kramer | Doris Richter |
| Violet Rost | Richard Sleep |
| Treonna Solbie | Guyla Baer Sturgeon |
| Paul Swisher | Carletta & Steve Vasknetz |
| Jack Wanstedt | |
| David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson) | |
| June Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson) | |
| Barb Benson (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson) | |
| Elwood Beulke (brother of Arnie Beulke) | |
| Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson) | |
| Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire & Maxine Ripley) | |
| 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) | |
| The Fischer family (friends of Jon & Shelley Iverson) | |
| Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith) | |
| Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz) | |
| David Hoas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum) | |
| Cayel Holmgren (grandson of Dick and Linda Horak) | |
| Eric Hunt (son of Ted & Dena Hunt) | |
| Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson) | |
| Kathy Jacobson (friend of Pastor David Baer) | |
| Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath) | |
| Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum) | |
| Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa Loll) | |
| Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley) | |
| Chet Murray (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson) | |
| Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher) | |
| Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson) | |
| Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher) | |
| Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler) | |
| Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher) | |
| Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley) | |
| Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson) | |
| Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis) | |
| Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake) | |
| Lisa Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony & Alona Westberg) | |
| Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson) | |
| Zhuang people (an unreached people group in China) | |

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

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| Today | 9:00 a.m. — Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School |
| | 5:00 p.m. — Community Hymn Sing |
| Wednesday | 4:00 p.m. — Confirmation |
| Next Sunday | 9:00 a.m. — Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School |

CHURCH WOMEN will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14. All women are welcome to be a part of this monthly meeting and study.

A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET is set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Whitewood Community Hall. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. For reservations call 605-645-2359. Talk to Alona Westberg for more information.

SERVICE TEAM #2 is looking for volunteers to help with serving for worship during May. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

1517 is a Lutheran ministry that creates and distributes theological and apologetic resources anchored in the central message of the Bible: that Christ died for sinners and rose for their justification. You can find free articles, courses and podcasts online at 1517.org.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church. This fund supports the North American Lutheran Seminary Network and provides financial support for those studying to be pastors. We also support a theological education scholarship fund in the Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming Mission District. You can learn more about the NALS at www.thenals.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are served. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. Today we will be watching and discussing a video presentation called “The Gospel for Those Broken By the Church” by Rod Rosenblatt. Everyone is encouraged to come.

A COMMUNITY HYMN SING FELLOWSHIP and potluck dinner is planned for 5 p.m. today at Immanuel. The three churches of Whitewood will gather together for a time of hymn singing and special music followed by a potluck dinner.

GRADUATES will be honored on Sunday, May 19. Please let Pastor David know of any 2024 high school or college graduates.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Barb Wanstedt. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection. The address for her husband Jack Wanstedt is 10905 Sourdough Road, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

CHECK OUT the improvements happening at the parsonage (the parsonage is around the corner from the church at 1317 Ash Street). They are almost finished installing the new siding. This project was approved at our annual meeting.

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 about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).