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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

— GATHERING —

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW Page 77

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

☞ **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.

1 John 1:8-9

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.

A little while
and you shall
see me
no longer;
ALLELUIA!
and again
a little while
and you shall
see me,
because I go to the Father;

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes
Breaking our bread, giving us glory
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people
Gift of the future now flowing to me
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5. City of God, Easter forever
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb
River of life, saints and archangels
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! 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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

*KYRIE (*Sung*)

LBW Page 78

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Green Book

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.

Fifth Century Greek Litany

*HYMN OF PRAISE, “*This is the Feast*”

LBW Page 81

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:
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.**

Revelation 5:12-13

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

LBW Page 82

P The Lord be with you.

Green Book

C And also with you. (*Sung*)

P Let us pray together . . .

C 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”

Green Book

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?

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)



FIRST READING, Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us. *(NIV)*

℟ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

℟ May God be gracious to us and bless us

☞ And make his face shine on us —

℟ So that your ways may be known on earth,

☞ Your salvation among all nations.

℟ May the peoples praise you, God;

☞ May all the peoples praise you.

℟ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

☞ For you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

℟ May the peoples praise you, God;

☞ May all the peoples praise you.

ℒ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

☩ **May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

SECOND READING, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. (NIV)

ℒ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “Celtic Alleluia” WOV Hymn 613

The congregation sings the refrain. The pastor will sing the verse and the congregation will respond with refrain again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Text: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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P “The sheep of my flock,” says the Lord,
“Hearing my voice, they will listen,
They will follow me, for I know them,
They are mine.”

*GOSPEL, John 16:12-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

P *Jesus said to his disciples:* “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

“Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

“Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

(NIV)

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “*Celtic Alleluia*” WOV Hymn 613**

☑ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN, “*When Peace, Like a River*”

LBW Hymn 346

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; *Green Book*
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

3. He lives — oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more,
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)



**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:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,
 ☑ Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*HYMN, “*This Joyful Eastertide*”

LBW Hymn 149

Green Book

This joyful Eastertide,
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified,
 Has sprung to life this morrow.
 Had Christ, who once was slain,
 Not burst his three-day prison,
 Our faith had been in vain.
 But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
 But now has Christ arisen!

George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

— SACRAMENT —

*PREFACE (*Sung*)

LBW Page 88

Green Book

- ☐ 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 him thanks and praise.



***PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER**

☐ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cheribim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS (*Sung*)**

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.**

Green Book

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW Page 89

☐ 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.

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

***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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

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"

WOV Hymn 781, "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

WOV Hymn 780, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

LBW Hymn 338, "Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes"



☒ 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.

*John 1:29***HYMN, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”****LBW Hymn 439***Green Book*

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.

Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)

HYMN, “*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*” WOV Hymn 781

1. My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Blue Book

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain.*

3. What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain.*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain.*

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)



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HYMN, “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*” WOV Hymn 780

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
 Safe and secure from all alarms;
 Leaning, leaning,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)

HYMN, “*Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes*” LBW Hymn 338

1. Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
With his holy, precious blood;
Peace in him for sinners found
Is the Gospel’s joyful sound.

2. Peace within the Church still dwells
In her welcomes and farewells;
And through God’s baptismal pow’r
Peace surrounds our dying hour.
Peace be with you, full and free,
Now and through eternity.

Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig (1783-1872)

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

ℙ 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, “Thank the Lord”**

LBW Page 92

☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise;

Green Book

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**

ℙ 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.

— SENDING —

***BLESSING**

ℙ 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

☩ Amen.



*DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, “*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*” LBW Hymn 262

1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise *Green Book*
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
With you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon your name.

3. Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
For us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
Your evening presence promise to your own.

4. Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Don Dubbe
Lenae Ebel	Shelley Iverson
Felicity Kramer	Claire and Maxine Ripley
Connie Ross	Violet Rost
Treonna Solbie	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Vic Uttke
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler

Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)
David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Ella Boerger (granddaughter of Rita Shewmake)
Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
The Fischer family (friends of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
June Halverson (mother of Corey Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Colleen and Dave Hudson (daughter and son-in-law of Cleo Miller)
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Pastor Amy Little (NALC General Secretary, friend of Pastor David)
Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Michael and Jan Meyer (brother and sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)
Ryan Thomas (cousin of Mary Tracy)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake)
Jane White and family (friend of Mary Tracy)
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

Monday 7:00 a.m. — Men's Group

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for Sunday, July 13, through Thursday, July 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Immanuel. This is a community VBS hosted by the three churches of Whitewood. Please let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with VBS this year. VBS fliers are available on the table in the library social room.

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet for those who are unable to gather with us for worship. 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: *immanuellutheranwhitewoodsd.com*. The bulletin is posted to the website prior to the live broadcast.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Friends of Madagascar Mission. Friends of Madagascar Mission works in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Madagascar to strengthen their mission and ministry. The Malagasy Lutheran Church has 4 million members and is one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world. Our gifts support ministries chosen by the Church in Madagascar including prison ministry and feeding ministry at a hospital. Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Africa. It is the fourth-largest island in the world and one of the poorest nations in the world. More than 90 percent of its 28 million people live on less than \$3.10 a day. You can learn more about the ministry of Friends of Madagascar Mission at *madagascarmission.org*. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

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

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. "The Truth Project" is the focus of our Adult Sunday School class this year. The Truth Project is a video curriculum that teaches a Christian worldview.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of Acts. All men are welcome. Talk to Mark Tracy or Jon Iverson for more information.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Amy Albrecht-Denton. Funeral services were on Friday at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

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

A SPRING WORK DAY is planned for Sunday, June 8. Please plan to stay after worship that day to help with some clean-up and work projects around our church building and grounds. We will conclude our work at noon with a potluck dinner.

THE 1,700TH ANNIVERSARY of the Nicene Creed is this year. The Council of Nicaea met in the city of Nicaea (now known as Iznik, Turkey) from May through July in A.D. 325 and adopted the creed to clarify orthodox Christian teaching and combat false teaching. An ecumenical council is a worldwide meeting of Church leaders. Additions were made to the creed to bring it to its current form by the Council of Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey) in A.D. 381.