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The Ascension of Our Lord

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## — 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.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.



**\*HYMN, “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”**

*Tune: 130*

1. Hail the day that sees him rise  
To his throne above the skies!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n,  
Reascends his native heav’n.

2. There the glorious triumph waits;  
Lift your heads, eternal gates!  
He has conquered death and sin;  
Take the King of glory in!

3. See, the heav’n its Lord receives,  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves;  
Though returning to his throne,  
Still he calls the world his own.

4. See, he lifts his hands above;  
See, he shows the prints of love.  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow  
Blessings on his Church below.

5. Still for us he intercedes,  
His atoning death he pleads.  
He, the first of all our race,  
Near himself prepares a place.

6. There we shall with him remain,  
Partners in his endless reign,  
There his face unclouded see,  
Live with him eternally.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**\*GREETING**

**℟** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**☩ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**℟** 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.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**☐** 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.**

*Fifth Century Greek Litany*

**\*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.**

*Revelation 5:12-13*



**P** The Lord be with you.

*Green Book*

**C** And also with you. (*Sung*)

**P** Let us pray together . . .

**C** Almighty God,

**your only Son was taken up into heaven  
and in power intercedes for us.**

**May we also come into your presence  
and live forever in your glory;  
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)*

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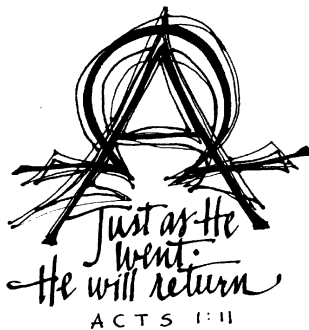
## FIRST READING, Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (NRSV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.



## PSALM 47

**L** Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**C** For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.

**L** He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

**C** He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**L** God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**L** For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.

**C** God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.

**L** The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**C** For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted.

*(NRSV)*



**GOD**

**mounts his throne  
to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets  
for the LORD.**



## SECOND READING, Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(NRSV)

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** 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



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**P** Now he is living, the Christ.  
Out of the tomb he is risen;  
He has conquered death,  
Opened heaven to all believers.



**\*GOSPEL, Luke 24:44-53**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 Then Jesus said to *the eleven and those with them*, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. (NRSV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

🔊 **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**SERMON**

**Pastor David James Baer**

**JESUS**  
has gone away to heaven  
and some day He will  
R • E • T • U • R • N  
A C T S 1 : 11

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with his faithful followers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. To whom shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“This is the Savior!” Thus they say,  
“This is his glorious triumph day.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. “You see him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**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 ASCENSION**

☐ 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, through Christ our Lord; who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*SANCTUS** *(Sung)*

**LBW Page 89**

*Green Book*

**☐ 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.**

*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 158, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LBW Hymn 170, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**LBW Page 92**

**☒ Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

*Green Book*

**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*

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth’s redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth your footstool, heav’n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

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.

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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.



*The Ascension of the Lord by Francisco Bayeu (1734-1795)*

## **\*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.

**C** Amen.

## **\*CANTICLE, “Thank the Lord”**

**LBW Page 92**

**C** 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.

**C** Amen.

## **\*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*

**C** 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.

1. Look, oh, look, the sight is glorious,  
See the man of sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Ev’ry knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crowns become the victor’s brow.  
Crowns become the victor’s brow.

2. Crown the Savior! Angels crown him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
On the seat of pow’r enthrone him  
While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown the Savior, King of kings.  
Crown the Savior, King of kings.

3. Sinners in derision crowned him,  
Mocking thus the Savior’s claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around him,  
Own his title, praise his name.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Spread abroad the victor’s fame!  
Spread abroad the victor’s fame!

4. Hark! Those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station;  
Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
King of kings and Lord of lords!  
King of kings and Lord of lords!

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

# Spring Work Day

*Here is a tentative list of projects for our Spring Work Day after worship next Sunday. This list may help you plan what you'd like to do. We won't accomplish everything, but we hope to get some things done. If you have tools that will help with a project that we might not have at church, please bring them. Work day will end with a potluck lunch at noon. You are also welcome to work on a project during the week, just leave a note saying what you did.*

- ☐ Wash windows and screens.
- ☐ Wipe down chairs, tables, cabinets, walls and pews.
- ☐ Vacuum couches and pews.
- ☐ Vacuum flies from base of windows.
- ☐ Replace stained or broken ceiling tiles.
- ☐ Stain removal from tables, pews and carpets.
- ☐ Clean stall dividers and doors in restrooms.
- ☐ Oil stall doors in women's restroom.
- ☐ Clean up basement classrooms and craft areas.
- ☐ Decide which vacuums should be donated or discarded.
- ☐ Clean up crawl space, remove large waste items.

- ☐ Clean up yard, sidewalks and landscaping.
- ☐ Spray weeds.
- ☐ Kill or remove plants in landscaping on west side.
- ☐ Trim dead branches from bushes.
- ☐ Remove volunteer trees from north landscaping.
- ☐ Remove Christmas lights from tree on west side.
- ☐ Install new handicapped parking sign.
- ☐ Install security cameras.
- ☐ Change forced-air furnace filter.
- ☐ Paint or prep for painting where needed.
- ☐ Polish candle holders and cross.
- ☐ Clean kitchen (including refrigerator).
- ☐ Get food ready for potluck lunch.
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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Alex and family	Nancy Crowhurst
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Shelley Iverson	Felicity Kramer
Claire and Maxine Ripley	Connie Ross
Violet Rost	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	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)  
Grace Hemeyer (sister-in-law of Gail Hemeyer)  
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)  
Ava Rouvennolt (6-year-old girl with cancer, friend of Judy Haiwick)  
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  
                 10:15 a.m. — SpringWork Day  
                 12:00 noon — Potluck Dinner

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**A SPRING WORK DAY** is planned for next Sunday. 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.

**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.

**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 PRAYER LIST** is printed in the bulletin each week. If you have any additions to the list or corrections, please let Pastor David know.

**OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH** is Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a Christ-centered residential treatment and educational center for children and their families in North Dakota. The Ranch gives children a safe place to live, learn, and heal. They help the most troubled, complicated, and amazing kids by providing best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care. You can learn more at [dakotaranch.org](http://dakotaranch.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.



**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** is being celebrated today. The Ascension of Jesus took place 40 days after Easter Day. Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter which was last Thursday. This festival celebrates our Lord's triumphant ascension into heaven and his reign in glory.

**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.

**A COMMUNITY HYMN SING FELLOWSHIP** and potluck dinner is planned for 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood. The three churches of Whitewood will gather together for a time of hymn singing and special music followed by a potluck dinner.

**THE 1,700<sup>TH</sup> 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.