

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ℒ Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord. As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will and the ways in which we have neglected our calling as his disciples.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

ℒ Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,  
☩ **We come before you confessing our sins,  
and asking for your gracious mercy.  
By our human nature we are sinful and unclean;  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.  
By your loving-kindness,  
we implore you to grant us forgiveness  
and restore us to your salvation,  
that we might live holy lives here and now  
and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.**

ℒ God declares to all who believe in the risen Christ and confess their sins, that you are forgiven, redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. Peace be with you, brothers and sisters. In the name of Jesus Christ and for his sake, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.

☩ **Amen.**

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.”

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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.

## \*GREETING

ℒ Alleluia! Christ is risen

☩ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Luke 24:34*

ℒ The grace of our 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*

## PSALM 47

ℒ O clap your hands, all peoples;

☩ **Shout to God with the voice of joy.**

ℒ For the LORD Most High is to be feared,

☩ **A great King over all the earth.**

ℒ He subdues peoples under us

☩ **And nations under our feet.**

ℒ He chooses our inheritance for us,

☩ **The glory of Jacob whom He loves.**

ℒ God has ascended with a shout,

☩ **The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet.**

ℒ 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 skillful psalm.**

ℒ God reigns over the nations,

☩ **God sits on His holy throne.**

ℒ The princes of the people have assembled themselves  
as the people of the God of Abraham,

☩ **For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
He is highly exalted.**

*(NASB-1995)*



**HYMN, “Beautiful Savior”**

**LBW Hymn 518**

*Green Book*

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.

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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!

*Hymnbook from Munster, Germany (1677)*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** 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.

## FIRST READING, Acts 1:1-14

The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of 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 were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. *(NASB-1995)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35**

**L** Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered,

**C** **And let those who hate Him flee before Him.**

**L** As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;

**C** **As wax melts before the fire,**

**So let the wicked perish before God.**

**L** But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God;

**C** **Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.**

**L** Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

**C** **Lift up a song for Him who rides through the deserts,  
Whose name is the LORD, and exult before Him.**

**L** A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows,

**C** **Is God in His holy habitation.**

**L** God makes a home for the lonely;

**C** **He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,  
Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

**L** O God, when You went forth before Your people,

**C** **When You marched through the wilderness,  
The earth quaked;**

**L** The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God;

**C** **Sinai itself quaked at the presence of God,  
the God of Israel.**

**L** You shed abroad a plentiful rain, O God;

**C** **You confirmed Your inheritance when it was parched.**

**L** Your creatures settled in it;

**C** **You provided in Your goodness for the poor, O God.**

**L** Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,

**C** **Sing praises to the Lord,**

**L** To Him who rides upon the highest heavens,  
which are from ancient times;

**C** **Behold, He speaks forth with His voice, a mighty voice.**

**L** Ascribe strength to God;

**C** **His majesty is over Israel  
And His strength is in the skies.**

**L** O God, You are awesome from Your sanctuary.

**C** **The God of Israel Himself gives strength  
and power to the people. Blessed be God!**

*(NASB-1995)*

## SECOND READING, 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. (NASB-1995)

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.



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**\*GOSPEL, John 17:1-11**

ℒ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

ℒ When Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.”

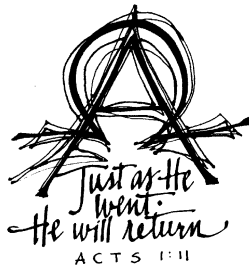
ℒ The Gospel of the Lord.

*(NASB-1995)*

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MUSICAL MESSAGE**

**Jon & Shelley Iverson**



**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.**

# OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*The hymn is sung as the offerings are received.*

## HYMN, “*O Christ, Our Hope*”

**LBW Hymn 300**

1. O Christ, our hope, our heart’s desire,  
Creation’s mighty Lord,  
Redeemer of the fallen world,  
By holy love out-poured,  
By holy love out-poured:

*Green Book*

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2. How vast your mercy to accept  
The burden of our sin,  
And bow your head in cruel death  
To make us clean within,  
To make us clean within.

3. But now the bonds of death are burst,  
The ransom has been paid;  
You now ascend the Father’s throne  
In robes of light arrayed,  
In robes of light arrayed.

4. Oh, let your mighty love prevail  
To purge us of our pride,  
That we may stand before Your throne  
By mercy purified,  
By mercy purified.

5. Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be  
To glory in the Lord!  
To glory in the Lord!

6. All praise to you, ascended Lord;  
All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Through all eternity!  
Through all eternity!

*Latin Hymn (8th Century)*

## THE PRAYERS

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*Response:*    **L** Lord, in your mercy,

**G** Hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**G** 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*

## BLESSING

**L** 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*

**G** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

**L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**L** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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.

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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.

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.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

*Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Alex and family	Agnes & Mark Baumann
Patricia Bridgeman	Bill Burlison
Lenae Ebel	Kirsten Flagstad
Bob Grams	Gail Hemeyer
Peter Iverson	Shelley Iverson
Charles Jackson	Felicity Kramer
Allison Lester	Cleo Miller
Lester Nies	Connie Ross
Kathy Rost	Rita Shewmake
Guyla Baer Sturgeon	Carletta and Steve Vasknetz
Anne Vossler	David Wanhannen

Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)  
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)  
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)  
Curtis Clark (friend of Patricia Bridgeman)  
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)  
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)  
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)  
Wayne Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)  
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)  
Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll)  
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)  
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)  
Braxton Harman (friend of Meta Halverson)  
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)  
David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)  
Grace Iverson Johnson (daughter of Jon and Shelley Iverson)  
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)  
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)  
JoAnn Knutson (mother of Toddy Knutson)  
Roger Kurtenbach (friend of Jean Zambon)  
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)  
Michael & Jan Meyer (brother & sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)  
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)  
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)  
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)  
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)  
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)  
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)  
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)  
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)  
Melissa Williams (friend of Mark and Mary Tracy)  
Sandra Wittrock (sister of Darrell Pulscher)  
Kay Zuhr (sister of Chris Burlison)  
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

<b>Today</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. — Church Women
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m. — Organ Task Force
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

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**A MEN'S GROUP** meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. All men are welcome.

**CHURCH WOMEN** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday for Bible study and a business meeting. All women are welcome.

**A SPRING WORK DAY** will be held on Sunday, June 14. Please stay after worship that day to help with some clean-up and work projects around our church building and grounds. Work day will end with a potluck lunch at noon.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is set for Sunday, July 12, 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 mark your calendars and invite children to our VBS. Let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with VBS this year.

**OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH** is the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church. This fund supports the North American Lutheran Seminary 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](http://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 available. An offering is received to cover expenses.

**WE THANK JON AND SHELLEY IVERSON** for leading us in worship today. We are grateful to them for sharing their musical talents as our message today.

**PASTOR DAVID AND JOANNE** are on vacation in Utah. You can reach Pastor David on his cell phone at 605-641-2399. They will be returning home on Tuesday.

**HYMNS ARE BEING ACCOMPANIED** today by a recorded accompaniment. One of the options being considered for a possible new organ is the ability to play a pre-recorded accompaniment when an organist or pianist is not available. Today is an opportunity to experience a recorded accompaniment.

**ORGAN TASK FORCE UPDATE:** The Organ Task Force will be meeting with a pipe organ builder from Hermosa at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday to discuss whether a pipe organ would be functionally and economically feasible for Immanuel. Pastor David and Joanne will be looking at five different brands of digital organs while they are in Utah. The task force will be meeting online with a builder of electronic organs that use the Hauptwerk software and with representatives of digital organ companies. Toby Rath is the chairman of the task force. Please talk to Toby or another task force member if you have any input about an organ.

**AN ORGAN FUND** has been started by the Church Council to raise money for a possible new organ. Our organ has been experiencing intermittent outages and is not dependable enough for use in worship. You may designate a gift for the organ fund through the offering.