

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ 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.

☞ 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.**

☞ 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.

***HYMN, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

LBW Hymn 128

Green Book

1. 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!

2. 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!

3. Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Wipo of Burgundy (995-1050)

***GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen

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

Luke 24:34

P The grace of our 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



☐ 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.**

Fourth 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, 19:5-9

P The Lord be with you.

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

P Let us pray together . . .

C **Almighty God, merciful Father,
you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep,
grant us your Holy Spirit
that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd
we may know him who calls us each by name
and follow where he leads;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “*The Lord Is My Shepherd*”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN, “*I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb*”

1. I am Jesus’ little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Henriette Louise von Hayn (1724-1782)

FIRST READING, Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *(NRSV)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

📖 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

🙏 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

📖 Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,

🙏 **I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

📖 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

🙏 **You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

📖 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

🙏 **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

(ESV)

SECOND READING, 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

(NRSV)

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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“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 10:1-10**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☐ *Jesus said:* “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

(NRSV)

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

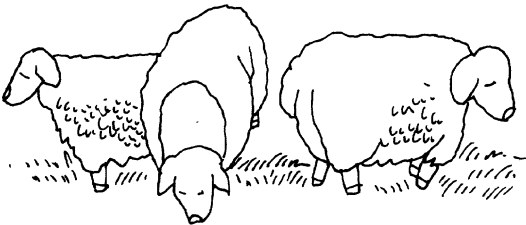
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “Celtic Alleluia” WOV Hymn 613**

The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation refrain again.

☑ **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

SERMON

Pastor David James Baer



***HYMN, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW Hymn 456**

Green Book

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his.
And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)



**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,
 C Hear our prayer.

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE, “*The Day of Resurrection*” 495

The day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 The passover of gladness,
 The passover of God.
 From death to life eternal,
 From sin’s dominion free,
 Our Christ has brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

John of Damascus (696-754)

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Sung*)

LBW Page 88

Green Book

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C 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, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS (*Sung*)

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☑ **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
Second Century Christian Hymn*

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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☐ 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*

**☩ 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:

"Lamb of God"

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"The Lord's My Shepherd"

LBW Hymn 451

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

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

Seventh Century Hymn

1. The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for his own name’s sake;
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for his own name’s sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup over-flows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

HYMN, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Tune: Bradbury

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.

2. We are yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

3. You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.

4. Early let us seek your favor,
Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

*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.

Eighth Century Blessing

*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.

***HYMN, “With God As Our Friend”**

LBW Hymn 371

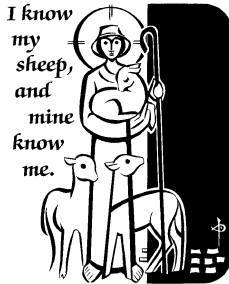
1. With God as our friend, with his Spirit and Word, *Green Book*
All sharing together the feast of the Lord,
We face with assurance the dawn of each day
And follow the Shepherd; and follow the Shepherd
Whose voice we have heard and whose will we obey.

2. In perilous days, filled with storms and with fright,
A band marches on through thick gloom toward the light.
Not many, nor mighty, disowned by the world,
They follow their leader; they follow their leader,
In confident faith, with their banners unfurled.

3. O Shepherd, abide with us, care for us still,
And lead us and guide us and teach us your will,
Until in your heavenly fold we shall sing
Our thanks and our praises; our thanks and our praises,
To God and the Lamb, our redeemer and king.

Carl Olof Rosenius (1816-1868)

POSTLUDE



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

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| Alex and family | Agnes & Mark Baumann |
| Patricia Bridgeman | Bill Burleson |
| Lenae Ebel | Kirsten Flagstad |
| Bob Grams | Gail Hemeyer |
| Shelley Iverson | Charles Jackson |
| Felicity Kramer | Allison Lester |
| Cleo Miller | Les 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) | |
| 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 Burleson) | |
| Zhuang People (unreached people group in China) | |

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

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| Today | 9:00 a.m. — Worship |
| | 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:25 a.m. — Organ Task Force |
| Monday | 7:00 a.m. — Men's Group |
| Wednesday | 4:30 p.m. — Kids Club |
| | 6:00 p.m. — Confirmation |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. — Choir |
| | 6:30 p.m. — Light Supper |
| | 7:00 p.m. — Bible Study |
| Next Sunday | 9:00 a.m. — Worship |
| | 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School |

THANK YOU to all who helped with our women's tea on Saturday.

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

WE WOULD LIKE TO PAINT the fellowship hall. If you would be willing to help paint, talk to Pastor David or a Church Council member or just stop by and do it! We have the paint or can get it.

GREETING CARDS, napkins and cookbooks are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. They are available on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.

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. 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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath). Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 8, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

OUR ORGAN TASK FORCE will meet at 10:25 a.m. today. Toby Rath is the chairman of the task force which is looking into options to address the situation with our sometimes faulty organ. If you have any suggestions about the organ situation, please talk to a task force member or Pastor David.

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.

A MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We are using a study called "Of One Mind and Purpose: A Bible Study on Division and Unity in Christ." Everyone is encouraged to join us this opportunity to grow in faith. A light supper is served starting at 6:30 p.m.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of 1 Peter. All men are welcome.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 4 through Grade 5.