

# 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.**

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.

## \*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*

## 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.**

*Fourth 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, 19:5-9*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LBW Page 82**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.** *(Sung)*

☐ Let us pray together . . .

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN, "God Gave Mothers To Protect Us**

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1. God gave mothers to protect us,  
And to guide us in love's way.  
They were with us from our cradle,  
Teaching us to watch and pray.  
Precious Savior, bless our mothers;  
Or our mothers' memory.  
Precious Savior, help us honor  
Those who gave us love so free.

2. As we grew they stayed beside us,  
Listening, loving constantly.  
They spoke to us words of wisdom,  
Though, at times, so hard to see.

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Precious Savior, bless our mothers;  
Or our mothers' memory.  
Precious Savior, help us honor  
Those who taught us how to be.

*Delores Jenson*

— **WORD** —

**FIRST READING, Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*(NRSV)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 66:8-20

℣ Bless our God, O peoples,

☩ **Let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

℣ For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

☩ **You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;**

℣ You let people ride over our heads;  
**We went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

℣ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

☩ **I will pay you my vows,  
those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

℣ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

☩ **I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

℣ Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

☩ **I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

℣ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

☩ **But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

℣ Blessed be God,

☩ **Because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

(NRSV)



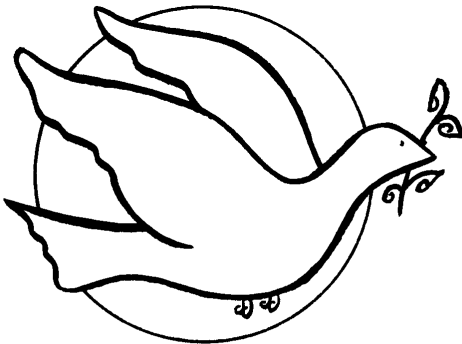
## SECOND READING, 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*(NRSV)*

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

Jn 14:26

**\*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**

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a 6/8 time signature and the second staff has a 9/8 time signature.

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

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**☐** Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And enlighten them  
With the fire of your love.

**\*GOSPEL, John 14:15-21**

**☐** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

**☑** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**☐** *Jesus said to his disciples:* “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” (NRSV)

**☐** The Gospel of the Lord.

**☑** **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, “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

**LBW Hymn 508**

1. Come down, O Love divine;  
Seek thou this soul of mine  
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
Within my heart appear  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

*Green Book*

2. Oh, let it freely burn,  
Till worldly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing —  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow’r of human telling;  
No soul can guess his grace  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (1350-1434)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son**

**he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*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

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

*Green Book*



## \*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*)

**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  
Second Century Christian Hymn*

## \*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*

**☩ 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 474, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LBW Hymn 524, "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

LBW Hymn 486, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

## **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*

**HYMN, “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”**

**LBW Hymn 474**

1. Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne’er was given.

*Green Book*

2. God his own doth tend and nourish;  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

*Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903)*

**HYMN, “*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*”**

**LBW Hymn 524**

1. My God, how wonderful thou art,  
Thy majesty how bright!  
How beautiful thy mercy seat  
In depths of burning light!

*Green Book*

2. How wonderful, how beautiful  
The sight of thee must be —  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow’r,  
And awesome purity!

3. No earthly father loves like thee;  
No mother, e’er so mild,  
Bears and forbears as thou hast done  
With me, thy sinful child.

4. Yet, I may love thee too, O Lord,  
Almighty as thou art,  
For thou hast stooped to ask of me  
The love of my poor heart.

5. My God, how wonderful thou art,  
Thou everlasting friend!  
On thee I stay my trusting heart  
Till faith in vision end.

*Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)*

**HYMN, “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”**

**Hymn 486**

*Green Book*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
And make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no op’ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav’n-descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

*George Croly (1780-1860)*



## \*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, *Come, Oh, Come, O Quickening Spirit***

**Hymn 478**

*Green Book*

1. Come, oh, come, O quick'ning Spirit,  
God before the dawn of time!  
Fire our hearts with holy ardor,  
Blessed Comforter sublime!  
Let your radiance fill our night,  
Turning darkness into light.

2. Only that which you desire  
Be our object; with your hand  
Lead our ev'ry thought and action,  
Let them be at your command.  
All our sinfulness erase  
With the increase of your grace.

3. Blessed Spirit, still renewing  
All who dwell upon the earth,  
When the evil one assails us  
Help us prove our heav'nly birth;  
Arm us with your mighty sword  
In the legions of the Lord.

4. Help us keep the faith forever;  
Let not Satan, death, or shame  
Draw us from you or deprive us  
Of the honor of your name.  
When the foe would lure us hence,  
Be, O God, our sure defense.

*Heinrich Held (1620-1659)*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Alex and family	Agnes & Mark Baumann
Patricia Bridgeman	Bill Burluson
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 Wanhanen

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 Burluson)  
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>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship

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**PASTOR DAVID AND JOANNE** will be on vacation May 12-19. They will be in Utah for their granddaughter's high school graduation. While they are away, you can reach Pastor David on his cell phone at 605-641-2399.

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

**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. VBS fliers are available on the table in the library social room.

**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.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all who serve God as mothers. We are grateful for the gift you are to your families and to our society. We thank God for the gift of our mothers and grandmothers. We also pray for those for whom Mother's Day is a difficult day.

**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, May 19, for a Bible study and business meeting. All women are welcome.

**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.

**ORGAN TASK FORCE UPDATE:** The Organ Task Force will be meeting with a pipe organ builder from Hermosa next 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.