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Immanuel means “God With Us”

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February 1, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS LBW Page 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

John 20:21-23

C Amen.



“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.”

Lk 6:20

*HYMN, “Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”

LBW Hymn 248

Green Book

1. Dearest Jesus, at your word
We have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near you
As the promises here given
Draw us wholly up to heaven.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till your Spirit breaks the night,

Filling us with light unclouded.

All good thoughts and all good living

Come but by your gracious giving.

3. Radiance of God’s glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
Help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our prayers and songs may please you,
As with grateful hearts we praise you.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Praise to you and adoration!

Grant us what we need the most:

Your blest Gospel’s consolation,

While we here on earth await you,

Till in heav’n with praise we greet you.

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)

*GREETING

LBW Page 57

¶ 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

***KYRIE (Sung)**

LBW Page 57

Green Book

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Fifth Century Greek Litany

***HYMN OF PRAISE, “Glory to God”**

LBW Page 58

Green Book

P Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father:

 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,**

 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Fourth Century Greek Hymn

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you. (*Sung*)

P Let us pray together . . .

C O God,

**you know that we cannot withstand
the dangers which surround us.**

Strengthen us in body and spirit

so that, with your help,

we may be able to overcome

the weakness that our sin has brought upon us;

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

CHILDREN'S SONG, “*This Little Light of Mine*”

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



*A tree planted
near running
water, that
yields its fruit
in due season,
and whose leaves
never fade*

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

(NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

L Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
C **Or take the path that sinners tread,**
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
L But their delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **And on his law they meditate day and night.**
L They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
C **Which yield their fruit in its season,**
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

L The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
C **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,**
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
L For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
C **But the way of the wicked will perish.**



Blessed Are Those Who Trust In The Lord

SECOND READING, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

(NRSV)

□ The Word of the Lord.

■ **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

LBW Page 62

Green Book

John 6:68

¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

(Sung) **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

¶ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¶ The Gospel of the Lord.

(NRSV)

(Sung) **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON**Pastor David J. Baer**

HYMN, “*Blest Are They*”

WOW Hymn 764

Blue Book

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill. *Refrain.*

3. Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God! *Refrain.*

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs. *Refrain.*

5. Blest are you, who suffer hate,
All because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see. *Refrain.*

Matthew 5:3-12
David Haas (1957-)

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¶ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Eighth Century Creed based on
Rules of Faith and Baptism Creeds
dating back to the Second Century*

THE PRAYERS

Response: ¶ Lord, in your mercy,
 ¶ Hear our prayer.



OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY, *“Let the Vineyards”*

LBW Page 66

Green Book

C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

LBW Page 87

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving
what you have first given us —
our selves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him
who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— SACRAMENT —

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Sung*)

LBW Page 68

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 EPIPHANY

¶ 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.
Sharing our life, he lived among us
to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way
to his own brilliant light.
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 69

¶ Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Green Book

Hosanna. Hosanna.

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

Second Century Christian Hymn

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LBW Page 69

¶ 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 (*Sung*)

LBW Page 72*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;
 have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace.

John 1:29

HYMN, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LBW Hymn 482

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

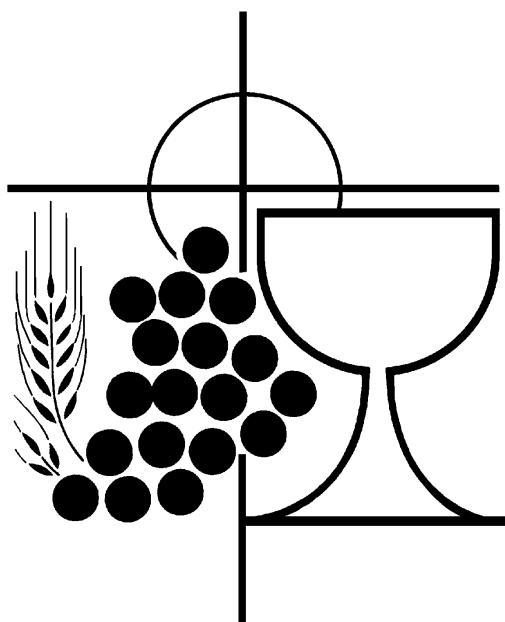
Green Book

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



HYMN, “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Hymn 345

Green Book

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away all fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart’s unrest;
’Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4. By thee my prayers acceptance gain
Although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
And I am owned a child.

5. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

6. How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I’ll praise thee as I ought.

7. Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

John Newton (1725-1807)

*COMMUNION BLESSING

¶ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

¶ Amen.

Eighth Century Blessing

*CANTICLE, “*Thank the Lord*”

LBW Page 72

¶ Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell ev’ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek 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.

Green Book

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

LBW Page 74

¶ We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Martin Luther

¶ Amen.

*BLESSING

LBW Page 74

¶ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace.
(Sung) ¶ Amen.

Green Book

Numbers 6:24-26

*DISMISSAL

LBW Page 74

¶ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
¶ Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

LBW Hymn 316

Green Book

1. Jesus, the very thought of you
Fills us with sweet delight;
But sweeter far your face to view
And rest within your light.

2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!

3. O Hope of ev’ry contrite soul,
O Joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!

4. O Jesus, be our joy today;
Help us to prize your love;
Grant us at last to hear you say:
“Come, share my home above.”

Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Mark Baumann
Lenae Ebel	Kirsten Flagstad
Shelley Iverson	Charles Jackson
Felicity Kramer	Allison Lester
Les Nies	Connie Ross
Kathy Rost	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)	
Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Doug Karns (friend of Midge and Gail Hemeyer)	
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois 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)	
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)	
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)	
Grace Iverson Johnson (daughter of Jon and Shelley Iverson)	
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)	
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)	
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)	
Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)	
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)	
Faye Ann Ruffcorn (sister of Maxine Ripley)	
Carrean 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)	
Kay Zuh (sister of Chris Burleson)	
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)	
First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls	

BABY BOTTLES FOR BELLA is an opportunity to support the ministry of Bella Pregnancy Resource Center in Spearfish. Please take a bottle from the basket in the back of the church and fill it with your donation and return it by March 1.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Bella Pregnancy Center in Spearfish. Bella is an early pregnancy medical facility offering free services. Bella offers medical and emotional support as well as educational services care to help parents and alternatives to abortion. You can learn more about Bella at *bellapregnancy.com*. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS are needed for 2027. If you are willing to serve on next year's Nominating Committee, please talk to a Nominating Committee member or Pastor David.

AUDIT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS are needed. If you would be willing to help us review our church financial records, please talk to Pastor David or a Church Council member.

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.

UPDATES TO OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY are available on the table in the library social room. Our directory is loose leaf so that we can update it at least once a year. Please pick up the updates and add them to your directory. New complete directories are also available.

TAX-FREE DISTRIBUTIONS from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are available for those who are age 70½ or older for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. These are called "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCD). This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information.

POINSETTIAS may be taken after worship today if you would like them. We thank all those who donated poinsettias to beautify our worship during Advent and Christmas.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Annual Meeting
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 rehearsal 6:30 p.m. — Light Supper 6:45 p.m. — Adult class on "Solas"
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held at 10:25 a.m. today. Please plan to attend our annual meeting and help us review the past year and plan for the year ahead. Annual reports are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Annual reports may also be downloaded from our church website.

WE WILL BE VOTING at our annual meeting on whether to ratify amendments to the constitution of the North American Lutheran Church that were approved by the 2025 NALC Convocation. All NALC congregations have a voice in major decisions through this ratification process. Information on the amendments is available on the table in the library social room and online at www.thenalc.org.

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.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to help with serving during February. The service teams were updated for 2026, so double check to see which team you are on. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

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

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Richard Sleep. Funeral services were on Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Spearfish. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

FLOWERS in the chancel are from the funeral service for Richard Sleep on Saturday.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Don Dubbe. Funeral services are at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

OUR THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY is studying the Lutheran “*solas*” (alones) — Christ Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Word Alone, etc. — and how they impact the way we understand the Bible and our relationship with God. The class is offered at 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays and is preceded by a light supper.



LENT BEGINS on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Midweek Lenten services will be offered at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent. Our Wednesday services this year will focus on the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion using Luther's Small Catechism.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with serving the light supper following our Wednesday night Lenten services. Hosts may provide the food or the church will provide soup for the suppers. Supper hosts are asked to prepare and serve the light supper following the Lenten service and help clean up afterward.