



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Immanuel means “God With Us”*

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**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 8, 2026**

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## 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.

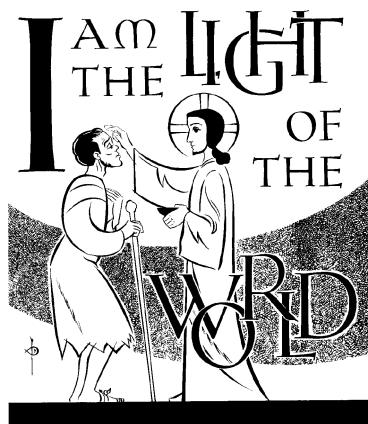
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**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  $\dagger$  Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20:21-23*

**C** Amen.



## \*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** Almighty God,

**you sent your only Son**

**as the Word of life for our eyes to see**

**and our ears to hear.**

**Help us to believe with joy**

**what the Scriptures proclaim about him**

**and do the things that are pleasing in your sight;**

**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.

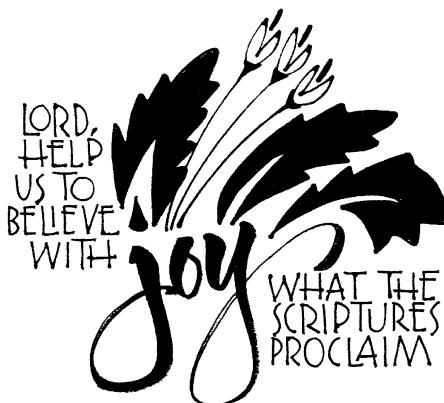
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

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.



## **FIRST READING, Isaiah 58:1-12**

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
    the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
    and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
    and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
    and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
    and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
    like a spring of water,  
    whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
    you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
    the restorer of streets to live in.

(NRSV)

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 112

■ Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,

■ Who greatly delight in his commandments.

■ Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

■ The generation of the upright will be blessed.

■ Wealth and riches are in their houses,

■ And their righteousness endures forever.

■ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

■ They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

■ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

■ Who conduct their affairs with justice.

■ For the righteous will never be moved;

■ They will be remembered forever.

■ They are not afraid of evil tidings;

■ Their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

- ¶ Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
- ¶ **In the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
- ¶ They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
- ¶ **Their righteousness endures forever;**  
**Their horn is exalted in honor.**
- ¶ The wicked see it and are angry;
- ¶ **They gnash their teeth and melt away;**  
**the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

(NRSV)

## SECOND READING, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him” —  
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. (NRSV)

- ¶ The Word of the Lord.
- ¶ **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN, “How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1)      LBW Hymn 507**

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

**\*GOSPEL, Matthew 5:13-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
**P** *Jesus said:* “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” *(NRSV)*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN, “How Firm a Foundation” (v. 2)      LBW Hymn 507**

Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

**\*HYMN, “*Thy Strong Word*”****LBW Hymn 233**

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

*Green Book*

At thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank thee,

While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,

Dark as night and deep as death,

Broke the light of thy salvation,

Breathed thine own life-breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;

Bright with thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory,

And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

4. From the cross thy wisdom shining

Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;

From the cross forever beameth

All thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

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5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator,  
To thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

*Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976*



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**C 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.**

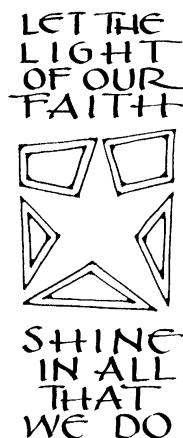
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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*

## OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*“Lord of Light” is sung as the offerings are received.*



## HYMN, “*Lord of Light*”

## LBW Hymn 405

*Green Book*

1. Lord of light, your name out-shining  
All the stars and suns of space,  
Use our talents in your kingdom  
As the servants of your grace;  
Use us to fulfill your purpose  
In the gift of Christ your Son.  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

2. By the toil of faithful workers  
In some far outlying field;  
By the courage where the radiance  
Of the cross is still revealed;  
By the victories of meekness,  
Through reproach and suffering won.  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing,  
At your feet may lowly kneel;  
With your grace our triumphs hallow,  
With your charity our zeal;  
Lift the nations from the shadows  
To the gladness of the sun.  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

4. By the prayers of faithful watchers,  
Never silent day or night;  
By the cross of Jesus bringing  
Peace to all, and healing light;  
By the love that passes knowledge,  
Making all your children one.  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

*Howell Elvet Lewis (1860-1953)*

## THE PRAYERS

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**C** 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

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**P** 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.

*Green Book*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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

*Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.



**\*HYMN, “You Are the Seed”****WOV Hymn 753**

1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
You're a star that will shine in the night;  
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
A beacon to glow in the dark.  
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
You're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,  
To witnesses wherever you go.

*Blue Book*

*Refrain:* Go, my friends, go to the world,  
Proclaim the great love of God;  
Messengers to tell the way of life,  
Peace and pardon for all.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,  
From the dead Christ arose;  
“Lo, I'll be with you forevermore,  
Till the end of the world.”

2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark,  
So resplendent with hope, faith and love;  
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world  
To waters and pastures of peace.  
“You are the friends that I chose for myself,  
You're the word that I want to proclaim.  
You are the new reign of God built on a rock,  
Where justice and truth are at home.” *Refrain.*

3. You are the life that will nurture the plant;  
You're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
Yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,  
A new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide,  
There's no mountain can cover its might;  
Let your light shine so that your loving works  
Give honor and glory to God. *Refrain.*

*Cesáreo Gabarán (1936-1991)*

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family  
Lenae Ebel  
Shelley Iverson  
Felicity Kramer  
Les Nies  
Kathy Rost  
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz  
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)  
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)

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

<b>Today</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m. — Confirmation
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Church Council

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with the time of food and fellowship following the funeral for Don Dubbe next Sunday. Sign up on the sheet on the table in the library social room.

**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](http://bellapregnancy.com). Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

**WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB** — our Wednesday night children's ministry — will not meet this week because of a school conflict.

**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.

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. We are watching an interview series from 1517 featuring Kelsi Klembara. She interviews scholars and authors about various topics. The topics will change regularly, so you can join us for a few weeks or come regularly. This week we will watch an interview with scholar Chad Bird on Old Testament Faith. Please join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

**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.



**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.

**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.

**POINSETTIAS** may be taken after worship today if you would like them. Poinsettias that are not taken today will be discarded.