



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

☛ **Amen.**

☞ 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.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ 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.

C Amen.



***HYMN, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”** *Tune: 499*

1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the one who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the one who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

3. Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the one who makes us one.

Rusty Edwards (1955-)

***GREETING**

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☐ 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

☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Green Book

☑ 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.

Fifth Century Greek Litany

***HYMN OF PRAISE, “Glory to God”**

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

Green Book

**☑ 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*

☞ The Lord be with you.

Green Book

☞ And also with you. *(Sung)*

☞ Let us pray together . . .

**☞ Lord God, heavenly Father,
you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
into this world to destroy the works of the devil
and protect us poor people against such an evil foe.
Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit
so that we may have peace from such enemies
and remain forever blessed;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Prayer is from the Pomeranian Agenda
and likely written by Johannes Bugenhagen,
Martin Luther's friend and pastor*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG, “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for all the children,
All the children of the world.
Ev'ry child in ev'ry land,
Jesus holds them in his hand.
Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

*Clarence H. Woolston (1856-1927)
Dorothy N. Schultz*

FIRST READING, Isaiah 65:1-9

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;

I was found by those who did not seek me.

To a nation that did not call on my name,

I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’

All day long I have held out my hands

to an obstinate people,

who walk in ways not good,

pursuing their own imaginations —

a people who continually provoke me

to my very face,

offering sacrifices in gardens

and burning incense on altars of brick;

who sit among the graves

and spend their nights keeping secret vigil;

who eat the flesh of pigs,

and whose pots hold broth of impure meat;

who say, ‘Keep away; don’t come near me,

for I am too sacred for you!’

Such people are smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that keeps burning all day.

“See, it stands written before me:

I will not keep silent but will pay back in full;

I will pay it back into their laps —

both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,”

says the LORD.

“Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains

and defied me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

the full payment for their former deeds.”

This is what the LORD says:

“As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes

and people say, ‘Don’t destroy it,

there is still a blessing in it,’

so will I do in behalf of my servants;

I will not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah those who will possess my mountains;

my chosen people will inherit them,

and there will my servants live.

(NIV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 3

📖 LORD, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!

🙏 **Many are saying of me,
“God will not deliver him.”**

📖 But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

🙏 **I call out to the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.**

📖 I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

🙏 **I will not fear though tens of thousands
assail me on every side.**

📖 Arise, LORD!
Deliver me, my God!

🙏 **Strike all my enemies on the jaw;
break the teeth of the wicked.**

📖 From the LORD comes deliverance.

🙏 **May your blessing be on your people.**

(NIV)



SECOND READING, Galatians 3:23 - 4:7

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

(NIV)

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

LBW Hymn 520

1. Give to our God immortal praise!

Green Book

Mercy and truth are all his ways;

Wonders of grace to God belong;

Repeat his mercies in your song.



***GOSPEL, Luke 8:26-39**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

🔱 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 Jesus and his disciples sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. (NIV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔱 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN, “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” LBW Hymn 520**

2. He sent his Son with pow’r to save *Green Book*
From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

3. Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
When lords and kings are known no more!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

SERMON

Pastor David James Baer

***HYMN, “Rise, Shine, You People!” LBW Hymn 393**

1. Rise, shine, you people! *Green Book*
Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

2. See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus’ glory.

4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation
God’s new creation.

Ronald A. Klug (1939-2021)

**☒ 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

"I Love to Tell the Story" is sung as the offerings are received.



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HYMN, “*I Love to Tell the Story*”

LBW Hymn 390

Green Book

1. I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know its true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story:
How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word. *Refrain.*

3. I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song.
I'll sing the old, old story
That I have loved so long. *Refrain.*

Katherine Hankey (1834-1911)



The Second
Sunday After Pentecost

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26; Matthew 28:19

*Return home
and tell how much
God has done for you.*

***HYMN, “When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

LBW Hymn 546

vv. 1-2, 4-6

Green Book

1. When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
God’s holy house of prayer
Has none that can compare
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”

4. No lovelier antiphon
In all high heav’n is known
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”
There to the eternal Word
The eternal psalm is heard:
Oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

5. Let all of humankind
In this their concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

6. Sing, sun and stars of space,
Sing, all who see his face,
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s whole creation o’er,
Today and evermore,
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

19th Century German Hymn

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Nancy Crowhurst
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Shelley Iverson	Felicity Kramer
Claire and Maxine Ripley	Connie Ross
Violet Rost	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Mary Tracy
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler

Kaleb (great grandson of Jean Sneesby)
Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)
David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Ella Boerger (granddaughter of Rita Shewmake)
Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
The Fischer family (friends of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
June Halverson (mother of Corey Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Grace Hemeyer (sister-in-law of Gail Hemeyer)
Colleen and Dave Hudson (daughter and son-in-law of Cleo Miller)
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Pastor Amy Little (NALC General Secretary, friend of Pastor David)
Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Michael and Jan Meyer (brother and 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)
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)
Ava Rouvennolt (6-year-old girl with cancer, friend of Judy Haiwick)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)
Ryan Thomas (cousin of Mary Tracy)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake)
Jane White and family (friend of Mary Tracy)
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

THANK YOU to all who helped with our Spring Work Day. Thanks also to those who have come over the last two weeks to work on unfinished projects. We appreciate you giving of yourself.

A PRAYER LIST is printed in the bulletin each week. If you have any additions to the list or corrections, please let Pastor David know.

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.

THOSE OVER AGE 70½ have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).

1517 is a Lutheran ministry that creates and distributes theological and apologetic resources anchored in the central message of the Bible: that Christ died for sinners and rose for their justification. You can find free articles, courses, and a variety of podcasts online at *www.1517.org*.

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet for those who are unable to join us in person. You can join the service live at 9 a.m. on Sunday or watch the recording of the service at a later time. Links to the service are on our website, *www.immanuelutheranwhitewoodsd.com*. The bulletin is posted to the website prior to the live broadcast.

WE SUPPORT CHRIST'S MISSION beyond our congregation by giving 32 percent of regular (undesignated) offerings to ministries beyond Immanuel. Thirteen percent supports our church body, the North American Lutheran Church, and a variety of NALC ministries. Nine percent supports global mission workers and projects. Ten percent supports a variety of ministries locally. See our annual report for details. Copies are available on the table in the library social room. Several of the ministries we support are highlighted on the wall between the library social room and the fellowship hall.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Church Council
	5:00 p.m. — Hymn Sing Fellowship
Monday	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship

A COMMUNITY HYMN SING FELLOWSHIP and potluck dinner is planned for 5 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood. The three churches of Whitewood will gather together for a time of hymn singing and special music followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to help with serving during July. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for Sunday, July 13, 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 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.

TEACHERS AND HELPERS FOR VBS: We are in need of teachers and helpers for Vacation Bible School. We especially need a teacher for the youngest children (ages 4 and 5) and someone to help with recreation/games. Please let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with VBS.

TREATS FOR VBS: We are in need of treats for our community Vacation Bible School. Our congregation is responsible for treats on Monday and Tuesday nights. Please let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with treats for VBS.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at 10:25 a.m. today. Copies of the agenda are available on the table in the library social room.

THE BELL TOWER needs to be painted. The Church Council is looking for input into the paint color. A palette of paint colors is available for review on the shelf near the kitchen. You can mark your suggestions on the sheet near the palette or talk to a council member.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of Acts. All men are welcome. Talk to Mark Tracy or Jon Iverson for more information.

PASTOR DAVID AND JOANNE will be on vacation Wednesday through Monday. They will be in Utah visiting their grandchildren. You can reach Pastor David on his cell phone at 605-641-2399.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY will be led by Jon and Shelley Iverson. Jon and Shelley are Immanuel members and regular musical performers throughout the area. They are planning a special musical message, so don't miss it.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a Christ-centered residential treatment and educational center for children and their families in North Dakota. The Ranch gives children a safe place to live, learn, and heal. They help the most troubled, complicated, and amazing kids by providing best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care. You can learn more at dakotaranch.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.