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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.

☛ 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.

☞ Most merciful God,

☛ **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.**

☐ 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.

☑ Amen.

***HYMN, “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”**

LBW Hymn 415

Green Book

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow’r;
Crown your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

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4. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

***GREETING**

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)

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 119:9-16

P How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

C **By living according to your word.**

P I seek you with all my heart;

C **Do not let me stray from your commands.**

P I have hidden your word in my heart

C **That I might not sin against you.**

P Praise be to you, LORD;

C **Teach me your decrees.**

P With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.

C **I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.**

P I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

C **I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.**

(NIV)

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

C **As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***HYMN, “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”** **WOV Hymn 783**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God *Blue Book*
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find.
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

3. We do not live by bread alone,
but by ev’ry word
that proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray together . . .

☛ **Lord Jesus Christ,
whose grace always precedes and follows us,
help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain
and find in you our heavenly treasure;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

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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.

FIRST READING, Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire;
it will devour them,
and Bethel will have no one to quench it.
There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.
There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court
and detest the one who tells the truth.
You levy a straw tax on the poor
and impose a tax on their grain.
Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,
you will not live in them;
though you have planted lush vineyards,
you will not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your offenses
and how great your sins.
There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.
Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times,
for the times are evil.
Seek good, not evil,
that you may live.
Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say he is.
Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts.
Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy
on the remnant of Joseph.

(NIV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17

- ℒ Teach us to number our days,
- ☛ **That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**
- ℒ Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
- ☛ **Have compassion on your servants.**
- ℒ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
- ☛ **That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**
- ℒ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
- ☛ **For as many years as we have seen trouble.**
- ℒ May your deeds be shown to your servants,
- ☛ **Your splendor to their children.**
- ℒ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
- ☛ **Establish the work of our hands for us —**
yes, establish the work of our hands.

(NIV)

SECOND READING, Hebrews 3:12-19

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion.”

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

- ℒ The Word of the Lord. *(NIV)*
- ☛ **Thanks be to God.**



***HYMN, “Be Thou My Vision” (v. 1)**

WOV Hymn 776

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Blue Book

***GOSPEL, Mark 10:17-31**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☐ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good — except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields — along with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (NIV)

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN, “*Be Thou My Vision*” (vv. 2-4) **WOV Hymn 776**

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; *Blue Book*
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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***HYMN, “*Son of God, Eternal Savior*”**

LBW Hymn 364

Green Book

1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2. As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.

**☩ 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 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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The hymn is sung as the offerings are received.

HYMN, "Take My Life, that I May Be"

LBW Hymn 406

1. Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

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3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

THE PRAYERS

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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

☞ 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.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

☛ Amen.

*HYMN, “*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*”

Hymn 408

Green Book

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store:
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
Costly cross, grave’s shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Off’ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through pow’rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex & family	Don Dubbe
Lenae Ebel	Judy Haiwick
Felicity Kramer	Claire & Maxine Ripley
Violet Rost	Richard Sleep
Treonna Solbie	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Carletta & Steve Vasknetz
Anne Vossler	Jack Wanstedt

David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)
Elwood Beulke (brother of Arnie Beulke)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire & Maxine Ripley)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)
The Fischer family (friends of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)
Pastor Susan Fox (friend of Pastor David Baer)
Cheryl Fraijo (daughter of Jean Sneesby)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Delmer Hemeyer (brother of Gail Hemeyer)
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Lin Jennewein (mother of Pastor Jil Jennewein) (in hospice care)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Pastor Amy Little (NALC General Secretary)
Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa Loll)
Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)
Gordon Pratt (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)
Pastor Amy Schiffrin (friend of Pastor David Baer)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & 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)
Lisa Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony & Alona Westberg)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)

CHURCH COUNCIL meets after worship next Sunday.

WE ARE REVIEWING our mission giving in preparation for our 2025 budget. If you have any suggestions for ministries that should be included in our giving or any suggested changes in our current mission giving, talk to a Church Council member or Pastor David.

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

STURGIS KIWANIS HOBO STEW FUND RAISER is 5-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Sturgis Community Center. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. All funds raised benefit the children of the Sturgis area.

CHILI AND SOUP COOKOFF is 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Sturgis Community Center. The events is a fund raiser for the Sturgis Alliance of Churches. All donations received help those in need in the Sturgis area.

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).

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Sturgis and the Black Hills. Love INC mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. Our purpose is to walk alongside people on their journey to wholeness through mutual service, education, friendship, and prayer. Our vision is to see people thriving in healthy relationships where they know their value, purpose and place in Christ and our community. Love INC programs include Connection Center, Life INC classes, Clothe-A-Kid, Furniture Ministry, and Diaper Ministry. You can learn more at loveinonline.com. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Monday	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
Wednesday	4:10 p.m. — Confirmation class
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
Thursday	5:30 p.m. — Choir
	6:30 p.m. — Light Supper
	6:45 p.m. — Class with Dr. Wessel
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Church Council

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE is responding to recent hurricanes and other disasters. You can learn more about current disasters or give online at www.thenalc.org. You may also designate a gift for NALC Disaster Response through the offering or mail your gift to 2113 Harwood Road, Suite 309; PMB 409; Bedford, TX 76021-4703.

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.immanuellutheranwhitewoodsd.com. The bulletin is posted to the website prior to the live broadcast.

2024 ELECTION INFORMATION is available on a table in the library social room. There are sample ballots for Lawrence County and Meade County as well as the official pro-con information on the ballot questions (constitutional amendments, initiated measures and a referred law). This information is provided to help you in your Christian vocation as a citizen. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. You may vote early your county courthouse anytime before election day.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. “The Truth Project” is the focus of our Adult Sunday School class this fall. The Truth Project is a video curriculum that teaches a Christian worldview. Everyone is encouraged to come.

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

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. For more information about Kids Club or to volunteer to help with Kids Club, talk to Brit Porterfield or Pastor David.

THURSDAY EVENING CLASS: Dr. Doug Wessel is teaching a course entitled, “Questions About Evil and Suffering: Philosophical, Theological and Psychological Perspectives” at Immanuel on three Thursday nights in October. The class is offered at 6:45 p.m. and is preceded by a light meal. Dr. Wessel is a retired professor of psychology from Black Hills State University.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY. If you have a new address or phone number or if there are other changes you’d like on your page in our church directory, please get those changes to Linda Beulke or Pastor David. If you’d like a new photo, you can get that to them too. If you worship at Immanuel, we’d like you to be in our directory. Remember that our directory is loose leaf so that we can update it regularly.