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Immanuel means "God With Us"

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **LBW Page 77**

℗ 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*

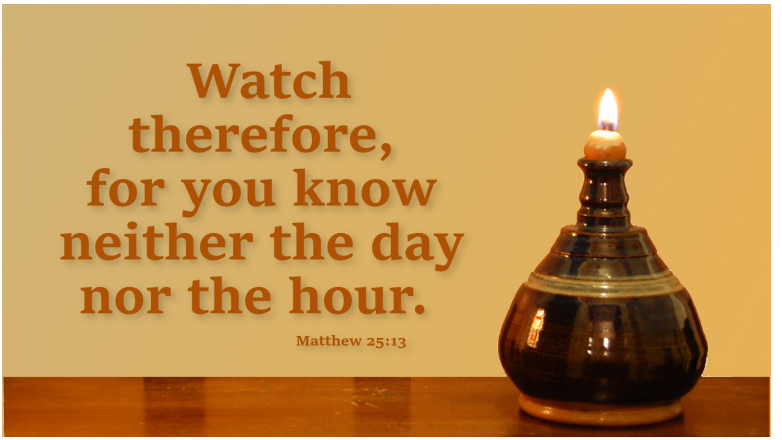
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

℗ 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. *John 20:21-23*

℃ **Amen.**



***HYMN, *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* LBW Hymn 294**

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Edward Mote (1797-1874)

***GREETING LBW Page 78**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

***KYRIE** *(Sung)* **LBW Page 78**

℗ 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.**

Fourth Century Greek Litany

HYMN OF PRAISE, *"This is the Feast" **LBW Page 81**

℗ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

℃ **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** **LBW Page 82**

℗ The Lord be with you. *Green Book*

℄ *(Sung)* **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray together . . .

℄ **Almighty God and Savior,**
you have set the final day and hour
when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.
Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son
that we may sit with him and all your holy ones
at the marriage feast in heaven;
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, *"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"*

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
Keep me singing till the break of day. *Refrain.*



— WORD —

FIRST READING, Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who long
for the day of the LORD!
Why do you long for the day of the LORD?
That day will be darkness, not light.
It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light —
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
"I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream." *(NIV)*

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

L Hasten, O God, to save me;

C **Come quickly, LORD, to help me.**

L May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;

C **May all who desire my ruin**
be turned back in disgrace.

L May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.

℣ **But may all who seek you**
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The LORD is great!"

℟ But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.

℣ **You are my help and my deliverer;**
LORD, do not delay. *(NIV)*

SECOND READING, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. *(NIV)*

℟ The Word of the Lord.

℣ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN, *"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" *495*

The Bridegroom soon will call us,
"Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with him returning,
May find an open door!

Johann Walter (1496-1570)

***GOSPEL, Matthew 25:1-13**

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

℃ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

℗ *Jesus said to his disciples:* "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." *(NIV)*

℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN, *"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"* *495*

In that fair home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice.
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast. *Johann Walter (1496-1570)*

SERMON **Pastor David James Baer**

HYMN, *"Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" **LBW Hymn 31**

Green Book

1. Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
Your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her Star is ris'n; her light is come.
Oh, come, you Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
We go until the halls we view
Where you have bid us dine with you.

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore you,
And saints and angels sing before you.
The harps and cymbals all unite.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round your dazzling light.
No eye has seen, no ear
Has yet been trained to hear.
What joy is ours!
Crescendos rise; your halls resound;
Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

***APOSTLES' CREED** **LBW Page 85**

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

THE PRAYERS **LBW Page 97**

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

LORD'S PRAYER **LBW Page 97**

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 **LBW Page 97**

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*
In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*
C **Amen.**

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HYMN, *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" **LBW Hymn 25**

Green Book

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The bridegroom is at hand.

3. The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
Their diadems of gold.

4. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m.	— Worship
	10:15 a.m.	— Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	— Adult Sunday School
Monday	7:00 a.m.	— Men's Group
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	— Light Supper
	5:30 p.m.	— Bible Study
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	— Kids Club
	6:30 p.m.	— Choir
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	— Worship
	10:15 a.m.	— Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m.	— Church Council

AUDREY ZWINGELBERG will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Cards may be sent to her at PO Box 388, Whitewood, SD 57793.

A VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM will be presented at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Whitewood Elementary School. Everyone is invited to come as the school children honor our veterans.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet after worship next Sunday. Copies of the agenda are available on the table in the library social room.

A CRAFT FAIR will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hale Whitewood Community Hall. Soup, sandwiches and pie will be served. The craft fair is sponsored by the Whitewood 8-10 Club.

ORGAN UPDATE: We have ordered a new organ to be built by Arnold Organs. A loaner organ to be used until our console is built has been installed. The Hauptwerk organ sample we are currently using — Aeolian Skinner Opus 1458, a 58 rank pipe organ built in 1966 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, California — is one of the organ samples that will be included on our new organ. We thank all those who have supported our organ fund.

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. 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. We are beginning a new study this week on the history of Christianity in America featuring Dr. Daniel van Voorhis of 1517. Please join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

A BIBLE STUDY meets at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. We studying Jesus' parables. A light supper is served prior to each study at 5 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith. Talk to Pastor David for more information.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. All men are welcome. Talk to 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 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.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP is at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 26). Make giving thanks to God a significant part of your Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is an opportunity to share God's love with a child by purchasing items to fill a shoe box as a Christmas gift. The shoe boxes are then shipped to needy children around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes (with instructions and suggestions inside) are available in the library social room. Please bring your shoe box gifts to the church by Sunday, Nov. 22.

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 regularly. Please pick up your packet of updates and add them to your directory. Full copies of the directory are also available if you want a new one.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are interested in singing in our choir, please come.

CHURCH WOMEN will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 for their monthly Bible study and meeting. All women are welcome.

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

STARS, STRIPES AND SPOTLIGHTS, a patriotic variety show celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Sturgis Community Center Theater. The Sturgis Area Arts Council is presenting this free program as a part of a capital campaign to raise funds toward theater improvements. An offering will be received.

A NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM is being considered for Immanuel. It would allow people to listen to the service from their own Auracast Bluetooth compatible receiving device such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, headphones, or smart phones. The annual meeting will be considering a proposal to purchase a hearing system. Talk to Pastor David or a Church Council member if you have questions or would be interested in using such a device.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Churches Care for Whitewood. Churches Care with Whitewood is a cooperative effort of the three churches of Whitewood to care for those in need in the Whitewood area. We operate a food pantry, provide Thanksgiving meal assistance and emergency aid to individuals and families, and hope to provide ongoing support and education to help them make good decisions for their future. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family
Patricia Bridgeman
Kirsten Flagstad
Charles Jackson
Allison Lester
Lester Nies
Connie Ross
Rita Shewmake
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz
David Wanhannen
Mark Baumann
Lenae Ebel
Dick Horak
Felicity Kramer
Cleo Miller
Marcia Potts
Kathy Rost
Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Anne Vossler
Tony Westberg

Katie Clayton and family (daughter of Angie and Dan O'Shea)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Curtis Clark (friend of Patricia Bridgeman)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Wayne Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll)
Sherry Grismer (sister of Pastor David Baer)
Ernie Griner (13-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Aliese Hewitt (niece of Diane Kunz)
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)
David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)
Seth Hochsteteler (friend of Patricia Bridgeman)
Donovan Hunt (son of Carol Vercoe)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
JoAnn Knutson (mother of Todd Knutson)
Loralie Knutson (daughter of Mitchell Knutson)
Kathryn Koch (mother of Mike Koch)
LeRoy Koch (father of Mike Koch)
Roger Kurtenbach (friend of Jean Zambon)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Nadine Larson (wife of Jair Larson)
Michael & Jan Meyer (brother & sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Darrell Nicholas (cousin of Pastor David Baer)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Finnigan Steiger (great grandson of Randi Barker)
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)
Sandra Wittrock (sister of Darrell Pulscher)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)