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Immanuel means “God With Us”

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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.

☐ 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.**



Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,
who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)



*GREETING

☐ 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

*DIALOG

☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

☑ **For in your wisdom you have formed us.**

☐ You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

☑ **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

☐ You set free those who are bound.

☑ **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

☐ You raise up those whose courage falters.

☑ **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

☐ You provide for our every need.

☑ **Accept our grateful praises.**

☐ You have called us from all peoples.

☑ **We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

☐ You bless your people with peace.

☑ **We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

☑ **For in your wisdom you have formed us.**

*Your faith
has made
you well.*



***HYMN, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

Hymn 549

Green Book

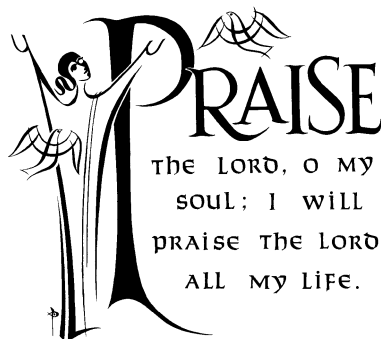
1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favor
To our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Tenderly he shields and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels help us to adore him,
Who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him;
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray together . . .

☞ **Almighty God,**

source of every blessing,

your generous goodness comes to us anew every day.

By the work of your Spirit

lead us to acknowledge your goodness,

give thanks for your benefits,

and serve you in willing obedience;

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, "*Jesus Loves Me*"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong: They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Anna Bartlett Warner (1824-1915)



FIRST READING, 2 Kings 5:1-17

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy,

and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!” He urged him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, “If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

(NRSV)

🙌 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

📖 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

🙌 **Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

📖 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

🙌 **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

📖 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

🙌 **He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

📖 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

🙌 **They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

📖 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

🙌 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

(NRSV)

SECOND READING, 2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful —
for he cannot deny himself.

(NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE
WORD of GOD
is
not
CHAINED

***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, John 17:11-19**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☐ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

(NRSV)

☑ **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)

***HYMN, “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”**

Tune: 54

1. Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o’er disease and death,
O’er darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the mute,
The paralyzed and lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.

2. Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed you, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes’ret’s shore.

3. Oh, be our great deliv’rer still,
The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom’s healing pow’r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise you evermore.

Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891)



I will give
thanks
to the Lord
with my
whole heart.

**☒ 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.**

*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

*“Now Thank We All Our God” is sung as the offerings are
received.*

HYMN, “Now Thank We All Our God”

LBW Hymn 534

Green Book

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Martin Rinckart (1586-1649)

THE PRAYERS

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

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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.

🕊 Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

*HYMN, “*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

Hymn 559

Green Book

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

3. The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner’s ears,
Brings life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris’ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav’n.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Bill Burleson
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Shelley Iverson	Felicity Kramer
Dorothy Pulscher	Claire and Maxine Ripley
Connie Ross	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Carletta and Steve Vasknetz
Anne Vossler	David Wanhannen

Lavonne Yuill
Kaleb (great grandson of Jean Sneesby)
Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
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)
Steve Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
June Halverson (mother of Corey Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother 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 and Jan Meyer (brother and sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Jane Peterson and family (sister of Bruce Flagstad)
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Aaron Richards (infant son of Grace (Smith) and Hunter Richards)
Ava Rouvennolt (6-year-old girl with cancer, friend of Judy Haiwick)
Dean Sandidge (son of Lance Sandidge, grandson of Leon and Shanna)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
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)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)
Thomas and Deuane Thorstad (NALC global workers in Southeast Asia)

NEW MEMBERS will be formally received on Sunday, Oct. 26. If you are interested in joining Immanuel, please talk to Pastor David.

WE ARE REVIEWING our mission giving in preparation for our 2026 budget. If you have any suggestions for ministries that should be included in our giving or any suggested changes in our current giving, please talk to a Church Council member or Pastor David.

BOOKS AND CULTURE DISCUSSION GROUP is a group that meets monthly at Immanuel to discuss recent important “secular” books that have broad cultural significance and consider their implications from a Christian perspective and biblical worldview. Please read the selected book to prepare for discussion with the group. The book for October is *The Coming Wave: AI, Power, and Our Future* by Mustafa Suleyman and Michael Bhaskar. Artificial intelligence and its related areas, including biotechnology and nanotechnology, will result in significant changes in our culture, the life of every person, and potential risks or benefits for human survival. The book is available from local bookstores and online. The group meets monthly and selects a book to be read for discussion. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28. For more information talk to Doug Wessel who is leading the group.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Pastors Thomas and Deuane Thorstad and their family who serve in the Mekong region of Southeast Asia. Pastor Tom is an NALC pastor. His wife, Pastor Deuane, is a pastor of the Lao Evangelical Church of Laos. They have three children. They are NALC global workers supported through Awakening Lives to World Mission. Their ministry work centers around Bible translation and theological education of pastors and lay leaders who live and serve in tribal areas of the unreached people groups of Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar. Over 86 percent of the people in those countries are considered unreached, with no less than a 0.05 percent Christian presence and no known Bible translation in their people’s language. Pastor Tom and Pastor Deuane work with local churches in those countries and have a strong relationship with the church leadership in those countries. You can learn more at www.alwm.org/laos-thailand. 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	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
	6:00 p.m. — Confirmation class
Thursday	5:30 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
	6:30 p.m. — Light Supper
	6:45 p.m. — Exodus class
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Church Council

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.

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 FEED is 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Sturgis Community Center. This is their annual fund-raiser for their local youth projects. Tickets for all-you-can-eat Hobo Stew are \$10 and available in advance or at the door.

BELLA GALA FOR LIFE is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Spearfish. This is a fund-raising banquet for Bella Pregnancy Resource Center in Spearfish. For tickets or more information go to *bellapregnancy.com*.

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 podcast series from 1517 featuring Kelsi Klembara. She interviews scholars and authors about various topics. We will watch each episode over two weeks to allow time for discussion. The topics will change regularly, so you can join us for a few weeks or come regularly. This week we will watch is an interview with the Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes on assurance of salvation — how you can know that you are saved..

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.

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.

THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY: Dr. Doug Wessel is teaching a course at Immanuel this month entitled, "The Exodus: Biblical and Historic Perspectives on Freedom with Implications for America." This four-session class will discuss the Israelite exodus from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. The principles that can be learned from the biblical account of this experience are foundational for building a free and responsibility society. The implications of these principles for the future of freedom in America will be considered. The class is offered at 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays and will be preceded by a light supper.