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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.**



**Carry the cross
and follow me.**

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***HYMN, “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”**

Hymn 455

Green Book

1. “Come, follow me,” the Savior spake,
“All in my way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide;
Take my example for your guide.

2. “I am the light; I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you should sojourn here below.”

3. My heart abounds in lowliness;
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words my lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all
To God I yield; on him I call.

4. “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation;
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed,
And, firmly clinging to his Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Johann Scheffler (1624-1677)

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 89:1-2, 15-18

☐ I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

☑ **I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

☐ Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

☑ **They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate your righteousness.**

☐ For you are their glory and strength,
and by your favor you exalt our horn.

☑ **Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

(NIV)

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

LBW Hymn 406

Green Book

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.

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.

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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.

Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together . . .

C **God of all power and might,
you are the giver of all that is good.
Help us love you with all our heart,
strengthen us in true faith,
provide us with all we need,
and keep us safe in your care;
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.

FIRST READING, Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. He said, “Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD’s house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.” *(NIV)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:153-160

📖 Look on my suffering and deliver me,
for I have not forgotten your law.

🙏 **Defend my cause and redeem me;
preserve my life according to your promise.**

📖 Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek out your decrees.

🙏 **Your compassion, LORD, is great;
preserve my life according to your laws.**

📖 Many are the foes who persecute me,
but I have not turned from your statutes.

🙏 **I look on the faithless with loathing,
for they do not obey your word.**

📖 See how I love your precepts;
preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with your love.

🙏 **All your words are true;
all your righteous laws are eternal.**

(NIV)



SECOND READING, Romans 7:1-13

Do you not know, brothers and sisters — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. (NIV)

℟ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

1. “Take up your cross,” the Savior said,
“If you would my disciple be;
Forsake the past, and come this day,
And humbly follow after me.”

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
Pervade your soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
Sustain your heart and nerve your arm.

*GOSPEL, Matthew 10:34-42

📖 The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

🎉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 *Jesus said to the Twelve:* “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law —
a man’s enemies will be the members
of his own household.’

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

(NIV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

3. Take up your cross; nor heed the shame,
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;
For you the Lord endured the cross
To save your soul from death and hell.

4. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear a golden crown.

Charles W. Everest (1814-1877)

SERMON

Pastor David James Baer

***HYMN, “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”**

LBW Hymn 487

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do our Father’s bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy:
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there your joy to know.

3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win
Untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus, unto you I die,
There to live with you on high.

4. Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, since you are our head,
We are your own living members;
Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly,
Living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
Life eternal grant to me.

Sigmund von Birken (1626-1681)

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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**☩ 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*

THE PRAYERS

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Response: **☐** Lord, in your mercy,
 ☑ Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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☑ 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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☐ 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, “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**

LBW Hymn 389

Green Book

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
As soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army he shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
You dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see,
And with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield (1818-1888)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Agnes & Mark Baumann
Patricia Bridgeman	Lenae Ebel
Kirsten Flagstad	Bob Grams
Gail Hemeyer	Peter Iverson
Shelley Iverson	Charles Jackson
Felicity Kramer	Allison Lester
Cleo Miller	Kristin & Lester Nies
Connie Ross	Kathy Rost
Rita Shewmake	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler

David Wanhannen
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 (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)
David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)
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)
Kathryn Koch (mother of Mike Koch)
Roger Kurtenbach (friend of Jean Zambon)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
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)
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)
Kay Zuhr (sister of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

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 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for Sunday, July 12, 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 mark your calendars and invite children to our VBS. Please let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with VBS this year. Both teachers and helpers are needed.

THANK YOU to all who helped with painting the fellowship hall last week. We really appreciate everyone who helped with the painting project. We hope to do some more painting this fall.

THANK YOU to all who helped with our Spring Work Day on Sunday, June 14. We were able to finish some clean-up and work projects around our church building and grounds. We really appreciate everyone who helped with those projects.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Pastor Valery Hryhoryk, an NALC global worker in Belarus. Belarus has one of the most repressive governments in Eastern Europe and ministry there is very difficult. Pastor Valery formed Belarus Lutheran Missionary Fellowship (BLMF) as a way to actively reach children, youth and families with the Gospel and to restore the historic Lutheran Church in Belarus which was persecuted by communists. Included in the many outreach activities of BLMF are: children's camps, theological seminars, community care ministries, Christian book publishing and distribution, and a music ministry. You can learn more at www.alwm.org/belarus. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

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.

OFFERINGS are being received in the offering plate on the table near the entrance to the sanctuary. The Church Council suggested trying this method of receiving offerings for the summer and seeking feedback from members. Please share your thoughts and suggestions with Pastor David or a Church Council member.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. In observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, we will be using a study called, “We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms” from the Lutheran Hour. This week’s episode is “Now What? — Christian Citizenship” Please join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the congregation will be held after worship on Sunday, July 26, to consider a proposal for a new church organ and to officially elect Heidi Aker as Immanuel’s treasurer. An informational meeting on the organ will be held on Sunday, July 12, to present options for the organ and to seek feedback.

AN ORGAN FUND has been started by the Church Council to raise money for a possible new organ. Our organ has been experiencing intermittent outages and is not dependable enough for use in worship. You may designate a gift for the organ fund through the offering.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: Lutheran World Relief and Water Mission, two ministries supported through your offerings at Immanuel, are among those responding to the two major earthquakes that hit Venezuela’s capital, Caracas. You can learn more about their relief efforts and give online through their websites.

Organ Task Force Update

The Organ Task Force has researched possibilities for replacing our organ. The task force has narrowed our options to three basic types of organs and to one option in each type. The approximate cost and some additional information are listed under each option. We have received roughly \$30,000 in gifts to the organ fund.

The task force will be presenting its findings and some options to the congregation and seeking input on Sunday, July 12. Basic information will be presented during worship and an informational session and time for questions and feedback will be held after worship. You can assist the Organ Task Force and Church Council by providing some feedback into the options being considered. This will help us bring a single proposal to the congregation at a special meeting on Sunday, July 26.

✚ **Allen Electronic Organ - Historique III-Ga**

Approximate Cost: \$54,000

Traditional electronic organ built by a long-time maker of electronic organs from Macungie, Pennsylvania
Uses Allen computer and software

✚ **Hauptwerk-based Electronic Organ**

Approximate Cost: \$27,000

A newer type of electronic organ built by Arnold Organs, an organ builder from Barnum, Minnesota
Uses Windows operating system (offline)
Uses Hauptwerk software which enables playing many different pipe organ samples
Has two large touchscreens

✚ **Pipe Organ**

Approximate Cost: \$140,000

A pipe organ built specifically for Immanuel by Aadland Pipe Organ Company, an experienced and well-respected organ builder from Valley Springs, S.D.